

This issue of eSoundings covers events beginning May 6, 2017



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### Notice of Membership Meeting Sunday, May 7, 2017 12:30 PM- in the Sanctuary

Be sure to come to this meeting,  
right after the 11:00am service  
on May 7, to vote to ordain Lara

Fuchs as a UU Minister, and to vote on proposed revisions to  
our Constitution. Constitution Revision Task Force members  
will be in the foyer after each service on April 23 and April 30  
to answer questions.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the TUCW Constitution Revision Proposal

[CLICK HERE](#) for Covenant of Right Relations - Draft

### **SUNDAY SERVICE - MAY 7, 2017 - 9:00 AM**

#### **Resist And Rejoice: Living into Racial Justice**

This Sunday at 9:00 am we join with over 500  
congregations representing every state as well as  
international UU's around the world in answering the call to  
disrupt business as usual to focus on this important work  
and teaching about race and injustice. When our skin is  
literally the place where we make contact with the world  
around us, then our experiences around justice can't be

### 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.*

#### **Sat. May 6**

Safety Training -  
Sanctuary - 9:00

Inspiration Committee -  
Lib - 10:00

Youth Service Rehearsal  
- Sanctuary - 4:00

Youth Service Potluck -  
EW - 6:00

Service of Gratitude  
Ceremony - EW - 7:00

#### **Sun. May 7**

Meditation - Elm Room -  
10:15

People of Color Caucus -

separated from the bodies we inhabit. As we explore issues of racism and white supremacy, discussing difficult topics, a spiritual practice of commitment can mean staying at the table and cultivating a capacity for just "being with" our discomfort. The journey of building the world we dream about is not easy, but it is the authentic, life affirming soul work of building a beloved community. There will be programming for all ages as part of the service, and the conversation will continue in the East Wing from 10:15-10:45. The lower Chapel will be available during this time as a place for people of color to gather for "affinity groups" break off for identity-appropriate exploration.

In preparation for this Sunday, you may want to watch this short video.

*A Conversation with White People on Race*

**Worship Service Provider:** Doug Flam

**Pastoral Care Chaplain:** Shari Brennan

**Music:** Teen Choir

**SUNDAY SERVICE - MAY 7, 2017 - 11:00 AM**

**"The Embodiment of Passion" Coming of Age Youth Service**

Our Youth Group will present their understanding of passion. Included will be a coming of age ritual for those formally entering our Youth Group. Please join us!



**Worship Service Provider:** Doug Flam

**Pastoral Care Chaplain:** Julia Wyant

**Music:** Teen Choir

**LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT**  
**Saturday, May 6 & Sunday, May 7, 2017**

Chapel - 10:15

Conversation on Racism  
- EW- 10:15-10:45

Congregational Meeting -  
Sanctuary - 12:30

Youth Choir Event -  
Sanctuary - 3:00

**Mon May 8**

Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

NVC Practice - Lib - 7:00

**Tues. May 9**

Men's Choir - 8:00

**Wed. May 10**

Domestic Violence Task  
Force - EW - 12:30

COM - MH - 7:30

**Thurs. May 11**

Youth Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Eliminating Racism - Lib -  
7:30

Women's Choir - 7:45

**Sat. May 13**

Newcomer Orientation -  
EW - 9:00

Facing the Future - YW -  
11:30

Pastoral Care Chaplains  
- MH - 1:00

Voices Cafe - Sanctuary  
- 8:00 (doors open - 7:30)

**Sun. May 14**

Camp Jewell Comm -

## Saturday, May 6, 2017



### At 4:00-6:00 pm Rehearsal for Youth Service.

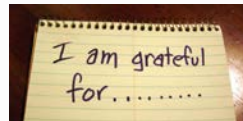
\* Youth bring your Credo's, skits, readings etc. to this.

6:00 pm Potluck for Youth Group & Parents in East Wing

\* [CLICK HERE to RSVP](#) and add what you are bringing by Friday.

### 7:00-7:30 pm

\* **Gratitude Ceremony** (*Coming of Age Youth, Matt Vogel & his parents will share gratitude statements to each other as part of this ceremony*).



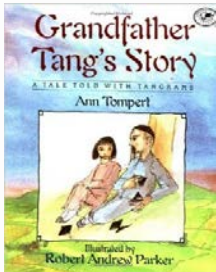
## Sunday, May 7, 2017

**Note:** the Teen Choir sings at both services

### At 9:00 am & 11:00 am

\* **Nursery/Pre-K & Wiggly Children who might benefit from moving may start directly in the lower level OAK room.**

Topic: Embodiment - Grandfather Tang's Story, Tangrams, Principles 1 & 3 - OAK Room



### At 9:00 am only

\* **K-6th** grades are invited to start in the Sanctuary with their families.

There will be a 15 minute break-out session in the EAST WING - a **TEACH-IN** about how to be a **RACIAL JUSTICE**

**TRANSFORMER** and then children will rejoin us in the sanctuary for the conclusion of the service.



### At 10:00 am

\* **9-12 gr Youth Group (YG): Please Arrive at 10:00 am in the LIBRARY for review of the service at 11:00 am.**

Chapel - 10:15

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

Youth Group Meeting - YR - 6:00

### Mon May 15

Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

O&AF - 7:45

### Tues. May 16

BOT - EW - 6:00

Men's Choir - 8:00

### Wed. May 17

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

Chamber Choir - 7:45

### Thurs. May 18

Youth Choir - 5:00

Finance Comm - FR - 6:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Women's Choir - 7:45

### Fri. May 19

CAMP JEWELL

Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

### Sat. May 20

CAMP JEWELL

Parent Effectiveness - MH - 9:00

Small Group Facilitators - YR - 10:00

[SEE TUCW'S CALENDAR](#)



**At 11:00 am**  
 \* K and up welcome in All Ages Youth led Worship in the Sanctuary (or can make choice to go into the Wiggly children room)

[FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) for DETAILS - PARENT HANDOUTS For Pre-K & Wiggly children, and TEACH-IN Materials for May 7, 2017



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

**Sunday, May 7:**

\* 10:15-10:45 am - **SPIRITUAL PRATICE:** Meditation with Janet Luongo - ELM Room - Please RSVP to [Jluongo3@optonline.net](mailto:Jluongo3@optonline.net)



**Off-Site Opportunities for Community Gardening**

**Get your hands dirty, make new friends and do some good with UU's and Green Village Initiative (GVI).**

TUCW members will be heading to Bridgeport in April, May and June to bring some gardens to life.

Join us, ALL are welcome.  
 For more information, or RSVP email:  
 Polly - [pollyfcromwell@gmail.com](mailto:pollyfcromwell@gmail.com) or  
 Eileen - [eileenor@outlook.com](mailto:eileenor@outlook.com)

**Saturday, May 6:**

Denver Ave. Garden Clean up and frame beds. We will go from 9:30 to 11:30; GVI is there 8:00 to 1:00 so feel free to go early or stay late!



**Saturday, June 3:**

Reservoir Farm, 1469 Reservoir Avenue, Bridgeport, on the corner of Yaremich. 11:00-2:00 PM.  
 Youth under 12 must be accompanied by an adult

(For all dates - bring water, snack, sunscreen and note there are additional dates.)



**CLICK HERE** FOR "At Home" or "On-The-Go" LINKS LIFESPAN  
**FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR ADULTS & OLDER YOUTH** For the week  
of May 7, 2017

## What is Ordination?

In the UU tradition only a congregation can ordain someone who has completed the requisite training. In our tradition a person being ordained is recognized as having and following a Call to serve our faith as a vocation of commitment. The ordained is not so much singled out by God but recognized by a congregation as worthy of this Calling. The Rite of Ordination is conducted by the President of the Board with the unison affirmation of the congregation.



Lara Fuchs has been recommended for Ordination by the Board of Trustees. It is now up to the congregation to vote on approval of her ordination. This vote is sacred responsibility stretching back hundreds of years.

*Rev. Dr. John Morehouse*

## Susan Werner at Voices Café Saturday, May 13 at 8:00 pm

*"One of the most innovative songwriters working today." ~Chicago Tribune*

SUSAN WERNER composes skillful songs that effortlessly slide between folk, jazz, and pop, all delivered with sassy wit and classic Midwestern charm. Throughout her expansive career, boundless versatility has emerged as a hallmark of Werner's talent, and has proven to be a quintessential ingredient of her engrossing musical persona.



Purchase tickets at: <http://voicescafe.org/show/susan-werner/>



## Camp Jewell - May 19-21, 2017

Join your UU friends for a weekend of fun, worship, personal growth, and friendship. Meet new chums or reconnect with old ones. This is a chance for you to get away from it all and have a great family weekend, just about an hour away! With workshops and activities for all ages. Pick up a registration in the lobby on Sunday or

you can [REGISTER ONLINE HERE](#).

**The Small Group Ministry** has 108 members in 13 groups that meet once a month to discuss a topic. The topic for May is "**Embodiment**," *"Don't Explain your philosophy. Embody it."*

Groups meet on different days and at different locations. Join a group near you!

For information, talk to a representative in the foyer after the service on 1/1 or contact Marie-Claire Bue - [mclaireb@optonline.net](mailto:mclaireb@optonline.net).



## Grief Support Group



For those who've lost a loved one: There is a Grief Support Group beginning Monday, May 8th and continuing for 6 weeks through June 19th, from 7:00-8:30 in Rev. John Morehouse' office.

To register, or for more information, please contact one of the facilitators, [Janet Luongo \(203-722-3634\)](tel:203-722-3634) or [Pat Francek, \(203-893-1781\)](tel:203-893-1781).

## UU MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP

Selections for MAY 2017 are:

**A Quiet Passion** (about Emily Dickenson) - [TRAILER](#)

**Their Finest** (WWII British Film makers in the war effort ) - [TRAILER](#)

**The Lost City of Z** (European explorers look for it, based on a book) - [TRAILER](#)



We will meet FRIDAY, May 26th in the MEETING HOUSE.  
7:30 pm - Potluck desserts (whatever you would like to bring, decaf provided) & fellowship,  
8:00 pm - Discussion. All are welcome!

Any questions, please contact Lorna Donnelly  
at [ld06824@gmail.com](mailto:ld06824@gmail.com).

### UPCOMING SERVICES

**Sunday, May 14, 2017 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM**  
**"Lessons From Our Foremothers" - Rev. John Morehouse**

**Sunday, May 21, 2017 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM**  
**"We Embody One Another" - Rev. John Morehouse**

**Sunday, May 28, 2017 - 10:00 AM**  
**The Magic of Ministry - Rev. John Morehouse and Lara Fuchs**



**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](mailto: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.