



The Unitarian
Church in Westport
eSoundings

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The UU Westport Players presents
Other Desert Cities -
March 17, 18 & 19



The play involves a Hollywood family struggling with differing political views and a terrible long-held family secret.

Performances are in the sanctuary, Friday and Saturday, March 17th & 18th at 8:00 pm and Sunday, March 19 at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door.

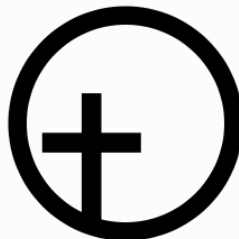
SUNDAY SERVICE -
MARCH 19, 2017
- 9: 00 & 11:00 AM

"How to Be a Loving Universalist" - Rev. John Morehouse

Universalists were a hearty bunch both in manner and theology. Rev. John explores the just how their theology can inform our own lives.

Worship Associate: Maria Mendoza Smith
Pastoral Care Chaplain: 9:00 Ann Taylor - 11:00 Ravi Sankar

Music: soloists at both services



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.



Sat. March 18
Small Group Facilitators - MH - 10:00

Other Desert Cities - Sanctuary - 8:00

Sun. March 19
Town Hall Meeting - EW - 10:15

Town Hall Meeting - Sanctuary - 12:15

Youth Group Meeting - YR - 12:30

Other Desert Cities -Sanctuary - 3:00

Mon March 20
Equinox Labyrinth Walk - EW - 6:30



Town Hall meeting (after each service) - Sunday, March 19.

The Board of Trustees will be presenting information regarding Ends Policies and gathering input from TUCW's

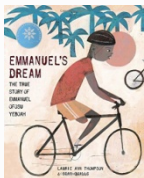
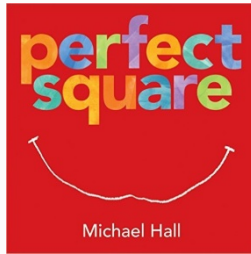
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LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Sunday, March 19, 2017

K & up start in the Sanctuary for the beginning of the service, then proceed to group.

At 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Nursery/Pre-K: Risking Change: The Perfect Square - Principle 4 - *WILLOW Room*



K -3 gr:
Solomon-Fairness & Proverbs (UU Source: Jewish & Christian) - *PINE Room*

At 11:00 am only

4-5 gr: Risk Failure - Emmanuel Ofusu Yeboah (Principle 4) - *BIRCH Room*



6-7 gr: (go to service today & at home look at [parent handout](#))

At 12:30-2:00 pm

9-12th gr. - Youth Group - (no evening meeting just this afternoon)

12:30-1:00 Check in & Topic: What is Luck? by Cecelia & Grace,
1:00-1:30 pm Meet with Sudha Sankar, Worship Associate & Ed Thompson Re: info to know for Youth Service planning
Ending with Youth Candle-lighting worship

[CLICK HERE](#) for DETAILS - PARENT

Bell Choir - Sanctuary - 6:45

O&AF - 7:45

Tues. March 21

NLDC - FR - 6:00

BOT - EW - 7:00

Wed. March 22

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

Thurs. March 23

Youth Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Special Projects Choir - 7:45

Fri. March 24

Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

Sat. March 25

Special Projects Choir Dress Rehearsal - Sanctuary - 10:00

Sun. March 26

Climate Change - Sanctuary - 12:30

Norwalk Circle Potluck - Meeting House - 12:30

Youth Group Meeting - YR - 6:00

Mon March 27

Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

NVC Practice - Lib - 7:00

Fairfield Indivisible - Sanctuary - 7:00

Tues. March 28

Men's Choir - 8:00

Wed. March 29

Stewardship - FR - 7:15

Chamber Choir - 7:45

Thurs. March 30

HANDOUTS For Pre-K, K-3, 4-5, 6-7, 9-12th groups for March 19, 2017



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

SUNDAY, March 19:

* 10:15-10:45 am -

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE:

Meditation with Janet

Luongo - ELM Room - Please RSVP to

Jluongo3@optonline.net



[CLICK HERE](#) for "At Home" or "On-The-Go" LINKS to LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR ADULTS & OLDER YOUTH for the week of March 19, 2017

NEIGHBORHOOD CIRCLES

We Gather, We Connect, We Care

Just what is this Neighborhood Circles thing all about?



The core of the UCW Neighborhood Circles is connectivity, community and care. The identification of people within geographical lines is an attempt to create a sense

of village...**[CLICK HERE FOR MORE.](#)**

If you are interested in being connected to a circle in your neighborhood, learning more about Neighborhood Circles or would like to host a circle event, please contact Shari Brennan, Team Facilitator, 203-846-0199 or gardenbee@optonline.net. Stop by our table in Foyer on March 19th.

Youth Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Women's Choir - 7:45

Fri. March 31

UU Movie Discussion - MH - 7:30

Sat. April 1

Inspiration Committee - Lib - 10:00

Facing the Future - YR - 11:30

Find Your Voice - Sanctuary - 10:00

Visiting Stewards - EW - 1:00

Carnival Stewardship Event - Sanctuary - 6:00

[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.

**Spring Equinox Labyrinth - Monday,
March 20th - 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

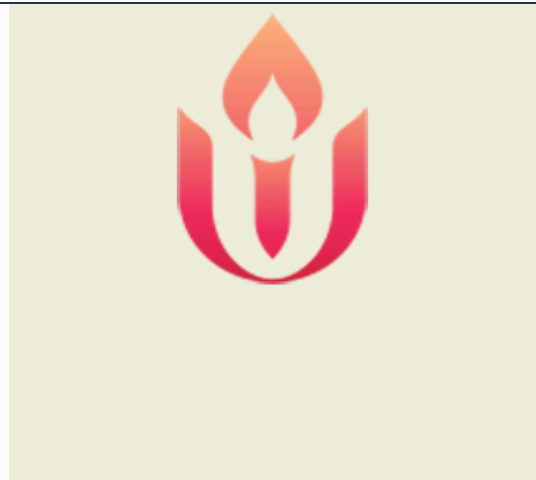
Come join in this ancient tradition of hope and reflection as our world turns once again, and looks forward to Spring.



This is a time for peaceful reflection, meditation, labyrinth walking and candle lighting.

Our labyrinth will be set up in the East Wing for contemplative walking.

Led by Worship Associates Cheryl Dixon Paul and Mary-Megan Marshall.



Norwalk Neighborhood Potluck Supper

Meeting House Sunday March 26th 12:30-2:30



Hello Norwalk UCW Neighbors. Shake off the winter blues and catch up with your Norwalk Neighbors. Enjoy new connections and great food.

Join your neighbors in a pot luck lunch in our Meeting House.

Please bring your specialty to share or A-D dessert, E-K-salad, L-0 appetizers, P -R Beverages and S-Z main dish.

RSVP by March 20 - Shari Brennan - gardenbee@optonline.net. 203-846-0199.

Bring your ideas for upcoming group activities. Bowling and walking group are some of the activities being planned.

UU MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP

FRIDAY, March 31: 7:30 pm - MEETING HOUSE - Decaf will be provided. Potluck desserts and fellowship at 7:30 pm, discussion at 8:00 pm. All are welcome.



The films to be discussed are:

- * "I Am Not Your Negro" written by James Baldwin - PG-13 - [see trailer here](#)
- * "A United Kingdom" an interracial couple during apartheid - [see trailer here](#)
- * "Bitter Harvest" A little known history of Ukraine in 1930's - [see trailer here](#)

The first two are already playing locally, the last has not yet opened but we hope that it will be here soon! Any questions, please contact Lorna Donnelly at ld06824@gmail.com.



Beginning April 5th, our local Unitarian Universalist Buddhist Fellowship chapter (uubf.org) will revive itself as the Zazen Sangha of Westport. We will gather in the meeting house each 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:45 for meditation and chanting in the Soto tradition, followed by tea and discussion. All are welcome, and please bring a zafu if you have one! Contact [Brian LaVoie](mailto:brian.lavoie@gmail.com) with questions at 203-641-5082.

New England Regional Assembly - April 21-22, 2017 in Woburn, MA

We are overjoyed to welcome Dr. Ysaÿe Barnwell to lead our Community Sing at the New England Regional Assembly on April 22 in Woburn, MA.

Dr. Barnwell is a musician, composer, singer, arranger, teacher, author, actress and former member of the African American female a cappella ensemble Sweet Honey In The Rock.



The Community Sing will be a joyous, spirit-filled opportunity to lift our voices in celebration of being together. Dr. Barnwell will lead us in the "oral tradition" so you don't have to read music or have any musical training. We'll begin in a fun easy way and within two hours become a choir of uncommon voices singing in 4 to 6 part harmony!

[CLICK HERE](#) to register today!



Camp Jewell - May 19th-21st 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](#).

UPCOMING SERVICES

Monday, March 20, 2017 - Spring Equinox - Special Service - Cheryl Dixon Paul and Mary-Megan Marshall

**Sunday, March 26, 2017 - 9:00 AM
"O, Brave New World" or, How Shakespeare Saved my Life
- Connie Rockman and Rev. Dr. Ed Thompson**



Sunday, March 26, 2017 - 11:00 AM - Special Projects Choir presents: Shakespeare's Embrace. It is our annual spring service/concert, with guest soloists.



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.