

This issue of eSoundings covers events beginning April 15, 2017



The Unitarian
Church in Westport
eSoundings

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Camp Jewell - May 19-21, 2017

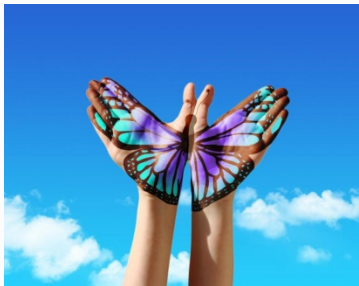
Join your UU friends for a weekend of fun, worship, personal growth, and friendship. Meet new chums or reconnect with old ones. This is a chance for you to get away from it all and have a great family weekend, just about an hour away! With workshops and activities for all ages. Pick up a registration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



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 - APRIL 16, 2017 - 9 & 11 AM



"Promised to Rise" - Rev. John Morehouse and Lara Fuchs

The Easter Story is about the transformation of life into something new. It entails a promise we would do well to explore.

Pastoral Care Chaplain: 9:00 Janet Luongo
11:00 Ravi Sankar

Music: Easter - Men's & Women's choirs at both services

Sat. April 15

Small Group Facilitators -
MH - 10:00

Facing the Future - YR -
11:30

Sermon Workshop for
Worship Assoc. -
Sanctuary - 1:00

Sun April 16

Meditation - Elm Room -
10:15

Mon April 17

The People's Climate March in Washington D.C. is April 29th and WE HAVE A BUS!!

Are you ready to go? We MUST send a powerful message that we care about our precious planet and, contrary to what this administration of climate change deniers believes, -- that climate change is real and a threat to humanity. Am I writing anything that you don't already know? Absolutely not.

So now it's time to show up and be counted. To vote with your feet!

Will you join us? It's simple. We will be leaving from the church parking lot at 1:45 am the morning of April 29 and return around 11:30 pm the same day. The bus is \$94-\$127 depending upon how full the bus is. **Sign up for the bus**

at: <https://www.letskedaddle.com/events/8026#> and use access code **c5ae44d6346**. Then fill out our google information form

at: <https://goo.gl/forms/WUOiSPw74GajtIq92>.

Any questions contact David Vita at [203.337.7205](tel:203.337.7205) x14 or david@uwestport.org



Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

NVC Practice - Lib - 7:00

O&AF - 7:45

Tues. April 18

BOT - EW - 7:00

Men's Choir - 8:00

Wed. April 19

Worship Dance

Rehearsal - Sanctuary - 5:30

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

Chamber Choir - 7:45

Thurs. April 20

Views of the Afterlife - EW - 10:30

Youth Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Women's Choir - 7:45

Fri. April 21

Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

Sat. April 22

Fairfield Indivisible Planning - EW - 9:30

Sun. April 23

Camp Jewell Planning Meeting - chapel - 10:15

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

Youth Choir Event - Sanctuary - 3:00

Youth Group Meeting -

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT Sunday, April 16, 2017

At 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Nursery/Pre-K & Wiggly Children - Topic: EASTER
UU Source: Christian Tradition - OAK Room

* Felt board of story, bunny hop



K-5th grades are invited to start in the Sanctuary with their Families and move to the lower level just before the sermon to the CHAPEL. Then we can sort into groups

for the following activities: *Dress for running*

- * Hunt for hidden dog & cat food cans - collected for the Humane Society
- * Game options: Egg Toss, Help Rabbit Fill the Basket, Shake-a-Leg Rabbit Relay
- * Side Walk Chalk
- * Craft options & books about Easter

NO other groups meet, but families of the following age youth please

[CLICK THROUGH to the PARENT HANDOUT info](#)



** Note: the Community Garden Clean Ups are open to youth (see Adult section for details)*

6-7 gr: Complete Poll to reschedule the Islam visit




9-12 gr Youth Group:

- * Beach Clean-Up Poll
- * April 21-23 Shelter Rock Conference goes - Contact [Arnela Ten Meer](#) to coordinate travel & rides.

* Bridging June 4 - 12th graders please confirm you will attend this 10:00 am service) - Contact [Mary Collins](#), Director of Lifespan Faith Development.

[CLICK HERE](#) for **DETAILS - PARENT HANDOUTS** For Pre-K & Wiggly children, 6-7, 9-12th groups for April 16, 2017



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

Sunday, April 16:

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



YR - 6:00

Gr. 9 COA Meeting - MH - 6:00

Mon April 24

ICT4 - Sanctuary - 6:00

Finance Committee - FR - 6:00

Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

NVC Practice - Lib - 7:00

Tues. April 25

Men's Choir - 8:00

Wed. April 26

Worship Dance Rehearsal - Sanctuary - 5:30

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

Stewardship - FR - 7:15

Thurs. April 27

Views of the Afterlife - EW - 10:30

Youth Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Women's Choir - 7:45

Fri. April 28

UU Movie Discussion - MH - 7:30

Sat. April 29

Facing the Future - YR - 10:30

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

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 or

Eileen - eileenor@outlook.com

Saturday, April 22:

509 Arctic St. 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, 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 if you want more to do)!



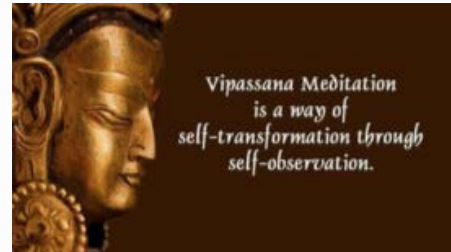
[CLICK HERE](#) FOR "At Home" or "On-The-Go" LINKS LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT FOR ADULTS & OLDER

YOUTH For the week of April 16, 2017



INSIGHT MEDITATION series of six sessions

Insight Meditation, also known as Vipassana, allows us to open to the present moment in a profound way. Skills are taught in a step by step manner to deal with the entire field of internal and external life: feelings, emotions, the various states of mind and to understand what it takes for us to free ourselves from suffering.



For information on the teacher, Nina Nagy Please visit her website AwakeAbiding.com for further details.

WHEN: Tuesday evenings - 7:00-8:30 pm

DATES: April 18th, 25, May 2, May 9, May 16, May 23

LOCATION: Meeting House

COST: There is a fee is \$130. for the six week series. Anyone who is not able to pay the full amount may contact Nina at awakeabiding@gmail.com or at [203-249-9118](tel:203-249-9118).

RSVP to NINA Today with your commitment to all six dates (A minimum of 3 people are necessary to run the program).



**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/>

This past March, we reflected on how our Church and congregation serves YOUR needs, by exploring key themes such as Supportive, Community, Spiritual, and Music. Themes like these define the very fabric of The Unitarian Church in Westport.

We need to work together and **KEEP THE LIGHT BRIGHT** so that we can continue delivering within these areas and many others, especially in these unsettling times.

Throughout the month of April we are running our Annual Budget Drive for the Church's July 2017 - June 2018 fiscal year. During this time, we ask that you make your pledge to our Church...

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

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

The Board of Trustees is calling a Membership Meeting to

- 1) Vote to ratify the recommendation of the Board of Trustees in favor of TUCW ordaining Lara Fuchs to professional ministry in the Unitarian Universalist Association.
- 2) Review, amend, and vote on proposed changes to the Constitution. Ratification of this vote at the Annual Meeting, on June 11th
- c) Receive the report and recommendations from the Task Force charged with drafting a Covenant of Right Relations (CRR) for TUCW.
- d) Receive and review the draft of the 2017-2018 Annual Budget



[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

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

UPCOMING SERVICES



Sunday, April 23, 2017 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM
Enter the Greening Temple - Rev. John Morehouse

Sunday, April 30, 2017 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM
"Calling to Transform" - 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@uwestport.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.