

This Soundings covers events beginning December 1, 2017



The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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Addiction Recovery Ministry (ARM)

Addiction is a widespread reality in our society that touches almost every individual or family directly or indirectly.



This coming Sunday, December 3rd... within our two services, Rev. John Morehouse and Rev. Jim Francek will be introducing our congregation's initiation of our Addiction Recovery Ministry. This effort will be following a long-standing effort within the UUA.



The focus of our Addiction Recovery Ministry is not to replace existing professional treatment efforts or the recovery work of 12 Step Groups. It is create supportive activities that assist our congregants or their families in the "spiritual aspects" of recovery and finding of appropriate treatment resources. Come this Sunday and learn more.

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.

Fri Dec 1

UU Movie Discussion -
MH - 7:30

Sat Dec 2

Pastoral Care Associates
- MH - 1:00

James Baldwin -
Sanctuary - 7:00

Sun Dec 3

Jewelry Sale - East Wing
- 8:00 am

Wreath Sales after both
services

SUNDAY SERVICE - DECEMBER 3, 2017
- 9:00 & 11:00 AM

"Hope in a Time of Addiction"
- Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. John takes up the topic of addiction in our time, exploring the spiritual challenge and possibilities of dealing with this pervasive reality.



Worship Associate: David Smith

Pastoral Care Chaplain: 9:00 Shari Brennan
11:00 Ann Taylor

Music: Once & Again Folksingers sing both services

A Celebration of James Baldwin and the causes for which he stood on the 30th anniversary of his death.

Saturday, December 2 from 4:30-8:30 PM
Baldwin Scholars, film showing, discussion

* **4:30 PM** - a three-person panel discussion of Baldwin's groundbreaking novel *Giovanni's Room* (1956) - a searing exploration of love, identity and social alienation.

* **6:00 PM** - reception and light refreshments.



* **7:00 PM** - screening of the award winning classic film *James Baldwin: The Price of the Ticket*. The film was directed by Unitarian Church-member Karen Thorsen and is still being shown all over the world.

The TUCW Holiday Appeal has started.

With your donation, we can do more.
[CLICK HERE](#) to donate. Thank You!

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

COA - MH - 11:00

6th-7th Graders - MH - 11:00

Youth Group (10th-12th) - YR - 11:00

Immigration & Refugee Committee - Sanctuary - 12:30

Mon Dec 4

Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

O&AF - 7:45

Intern Minister Committee - Rev. John's Office - 6:30

Tues Dec 5

Men's Choir - 8:00

Wed Dec 6

Buddhist Practice - MH - 7:00

Eliminating Racism - Lib - 7:30

Chamber Choir - 7:45

Thur Dec 7

Youth Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Special Projects Choir - 7:45

Fri Dec 8

Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

Pageant Rehearsal - Sanctuary - 5:00

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 16th
CONGREGATIONAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK & SING**

[CLICK HERE](#) for Details & RSVP or if you would prefer:
RSVP on the clipboard in foyer on Sunday

Voices Café - Saturday, December 9 at 8:00 pm

The Suzanne Sheridan Band is bringing the music of Bob Dylan back home to Voices Cafe. The Suzanne Sheridan Band features Bob Cooper, Paul Horton, Colin Healy & Scott Lebish.



Purchase tickets at: <https://voicescafe.org/>
Contact David Vita for more information: david@uuwestport.org or call [203.227.7205 x14](tel:203.227.7205).

Bob Dylan never sounded so good.
The Suzanne Sheridan Band rocks the Bob!!



Immigration & Refugee Outreach meeting Sunday, December 3 at 12:30 in the Chapel. Main agenda item will be "Accompanying Immigrants in Their Time of Need." How trained, organized group and individuals can assist immigrant families and their lawyer in preparing for asylum and when threatened by deportation.

TUCWomen Holiday Gatherings

All women are invited to join with other women in our community to enjoy time with new friends and old:



Holiday Potluck - Friday, December 8th at 6:30 PM at the home of Kristen Leddy. Bring a dish to share - appetizer, salad, side, main or dessert. Please RSVP to Sharon Poole - sharon@slpoole.com

Sat Dec 9

SPC Dress Rehearsal - Sanctuary - 10:00

Pastoral Care Chaplains - YR - 1:00

Voices Cafe - Sanctuary - 8:00

Sun Dec 10

Write 4 Rights Campaign - EW - 9:00

OWL sessions - OWL room - 10:00

OWL Parent Group - Chapel - 10:15

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

Gillespie Day: 6th-7th Graders - MH - 10:30

Youth Group (10th-12th) - YR - 11:00

Gun Violence Prevention - Sanctuary - 4:30

Mon Dec 11

Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

NVC Practice - Lib - 7:00

Tues Dec 12

Nominating Committee - FR - 7:00

Wed Dec 13

Domestic Violence Task Force - EW - 12:30

Buddhist Practice - MH - 7:00

December Brown Bag Lunch, Sunday, December 17th after the 11:00 service, in the meeting house

Are you receiving email about upcoming TUCWomen events. If not, or if you are not sure, sign up [HERE](#).

Gun Violence Prevention



End Gun Violence program
Sunday, December 10 at 4:30 on.
Commemoration of the 5th Anniversary
of the Sandy Hook shootings. Speakers,
music, candle lighting.

**Holiday Jewelry Sale:
Sunday, December 3rd.**

Doors will open after each service. Stop in
and browse exceptional donations of
jewelry, scarves and gift items!



WREATH SALES - LAST WEEK!

The Youth Group will be selling wreaths for
the holiday season on Sunday, December 3,
from about 10:00 am to 1:00pm. We will be
selling 12", 16" and 20" wreaths and bows.

The Small Group Ministry has 108
members in 12 groups that meet once a
month to discuss a topic. The topic for
December is "Hope;" "Where do you see
hope in the world?" 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 or contact Steven Rosenberg
at Rosen323@aol.com.

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

Thur Dec 14
Teen Choir - 6:00

Stewardship Committee -
FR - 7:00

Xmas Eve Choir - 7:45

Fri Dec 15
Shawl Ministry - MH -
12:30

Sat Dec 16
A Better Man - MH -8:00

Small Group Facilitators -
MH - 10:00

Pageant Rehearsal -5:00

Holiday Party Potluck -
6:00

Holiday Party Sing-along
- 7:00

Sun Dec 17
Meditation - Elm Room -
10:15

Teen Choir - Lib - 10:15

COA - 11:00

6th-7th Graders - MH -
11:00

TUCWomen Brown Bag
Lunch - MH - 12:30

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



For six years The Shawl Ministry has knitted scarves and purchased hats for each kindergartner at Beardsley School in Bridgeport. We invite all knitters and crocheters to make a machine washable scarf about 6" wide x 36 " long to help us

fulfill our commitment again this year. We have yarn if you need it.

Contact Jan Braunle (jcbraunle@gmail.com) to donate or with questions. It's fun and easy - no meetings necessary.

Deadline: Scarves to Jan (or drop in the church office) on or before January 7, 2018. Don't knit, but know someone who does? Pass this invitation on...

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 [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.

PAGEANT NEWS!!!!

It is time for our annual Pageant. Please don't forget to sign up either by speaking with Ed Thompson or sending him an email (ed@uwestport.org) or giving him a call ([203-227-7205 X18](tel:203-227-7205)), or signing up in the foyer. The schedule follows.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Christmas Pageant Permission Form



For questions and concerns, please be in touch with Ed Thompson.

DECEMBER

8, Friday - 5:00 to 6:00

16, Saturday - 5:00 to 6:00 with the annual pot-luck and carol-sing following

21, Thursday - 5:00 to 6:30 with costume distribution

24, Sunday - 2:00 rehearsal ; 4:00 Pageant

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR

For those interested in singing in the Christmas Eve Choir, please note the following schedule:



DECEMBER

14, Thursday - 7:45 rehearsal

21, Thursday - 7:45 rehearsal

23, Saturday - 7:00 rehearsal

24, Sunday - 8:00 pm warm-up; 9:00 candlelight service

For all questions and concerns, please be in touch with Ed Thompson - [203-227-7205 X18](tel:203-227-7205); ed@uuwestport.org or in person.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, December 10, 2017 - 9:00 AM
"Hope" - Julio Torres, Intern Minister

Sunday, December 10, 2017 - 11:00 AM
Holiday Concert Service

Sunday, December 17, 2017 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Reflections on Me Too" - Rev. John Morehouse



Sunday, December 24, 2017 - 11:00 AM
"A Light in the Window" -
Rev. John Morehouse

Sunday, December 24, 2017 - 4:00 PM
Our Annual Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 24, 2017 - 9:00 PM
A Candlelight Service: A Night of Hope

Sunday, December 31, 2017 - 11:00 AM
"As Time Goes By" - Rev. Frank Hall, Minister Emeritus



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.

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

THIS SUNDAY, December 3, 2017

THIS WEEK INFORMATION for (Pre-K to Grade 5)

PRE-K-1st graders Meet at 9:00 and 11:00 am.



Dress for a walk outside Rain or shine

START DIRECTLY in PINE Room - Sign out 15 minutes after the service ends.

Topic: *Hope & Birds/Ability beyond disability*

[video about Lemon the Duck](#)

Outside walk to listen and look for birds

[CLICK HERE](#) for Pre-K & Wiggly children's FAMILY "TAKE-IT-HOME" for this week.

2nd-5th graders

START UPSTAIRS and after the story by Mary Collins then go to the following lower level rooms

2nd-3rd graders

* At 9:00 am service - PINE ROOM

* At 11:00 am service - OAK ROOM

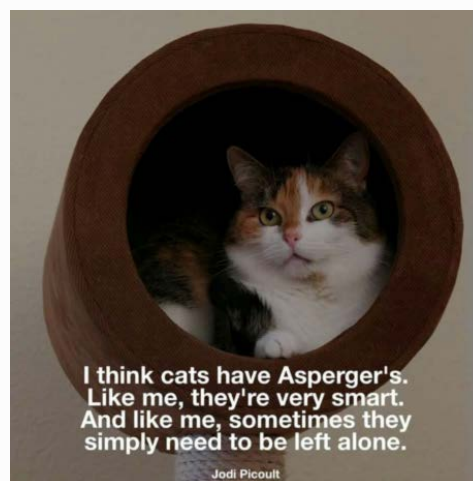
Topic: *Hope & Cats/See Ability*

4-5th graders

* At 11:00 am service only - BIRCH room

Topic: *Hope & Dogs/See Ability*

[CLICK HERE](#) for 2-5th FAMILY "TAKE-IT-HOME" for this week.



YOUTH GROUP



Another Special thanks is due to Kate Ford for her generous donations of food and clothing for the Midnight Run in which parents and youth drove into New York City on a very rainy evening to deliver food and clothing to the homeless on Saturday, November 18.

YOUTH GROUP ALUMNI GATHERING AND SING ALONG: On Saturday, December 23, at 5:30 pm, there will be a gathering and sing along of youth group alumni who may be in college, have graduated or are recently in the working world.



CLASSES ON DECEMBER 3:

- * **6th - 7th grades:** Meeting House, Main Floor at 11:00 am. Teachers are Berta Russell & Dawn Kerr
- * **8th - 9th grades:** Coming of Age, Meeting House, Top Floor at 11:00 am. Teachers are Tom Hearne & Miki Lasher

* **Youth Group (10th-12th grades):** Meeting House, Bottom Floor at 11:00 am: TBA

HOW WELL DO OUR YOUTH REALLY KNOW EMERSON, THOREAU, CHANNING, FULLER, etc: In January, we will begin a series of snack & learn sessions at the Meeting House about some of the seminal spiritual/intellectual works of Emerson, Thoreau, Channing, Fuller, etc...as well as important older works such as Servetus' work *On the Errors of the Trinity*. This will be open to youth and their parents. The first work we will be examining is Emerson's essay **Nature**. The work is not long and remarkably influential; you will see the thumbprints which became the UU seven principles for instance. We will examine Emerson's main themes and the literary and historical context of the work and Emerson's time. If the weather is good, we will incorporate the discussion with a hike (yes, at the same time, so stay close), departing on foot from TUCW property into, you guessed it, **nature (Leonard Schine Preserve Family Nature Trail)!!**. Youth will require written permission for this. If bad weather or it is extra cold, we will meet at the Meeting House.



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.

