

This Soundings covers events beginning February 10, 2018



# The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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**"VeganTine's Day" is Saturday February 10 at 6:00 pm.**

Join Chef Jenna Jacobs at TUCW to have a bite to eat, socialize, and learn about the benefits of a whole-foods, plant-based diet and lifestyle. Health, climate change, socio-economic injustice, and ethical concerns are all addressed with this one choice that everyone can make. Find out how you can benefit from or be involved in the TUCW Food Ministry and Ethical Eating. (The Cabaret performance follows at 8:00 pm.) RSVP to [ChefJennaJacobs@gmail.com](mailto:ChefJennaJacobs@gmail.com).



**CABARET - Saturday, February 10, 8:00 pm**

The annual Cabaret is back! We will have a Valentine theme, if you would like to participate with a song, a story, a poem, please be in touch with Ed

Thompson - [ed@uuwestport.org](mailto:ed@uuwestport.org) or [203-227-7205 X18](tel:203-227-7205) or in person.

## 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 Feb 10

Sight Singing - Sanctuary - 9:30

Pastoral Care Associates - MH - 1:00

Vegan-Tine's Day Celebration - FR - 6:00

Cabaret - Sanctuary - 8:00

### Sun Feb 11

OWL Sessions - OWL Room - 10:00

OWL Parent Group - Chapel - 10:15

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

## **SUNDAY SERVICES - February 11, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM**

### **"Grit and Grace" - Rev. John Morehouse**

Beyond mere sentimentality, true love, in all its forms, has more to do with working through our differences than ignoring them.

**Worship Associate:** Doug Flam

### **Pastoral Care**

**Chaplain:** 9:00 Kate Croarkin; 11:00 Marie-Claire Bue

**Music:** Chamber Choir sings both services



## **Interfaith Council "Welcoming the Stranger" program**

Because many faith traditions include an appeal to welcome the stranger the Interfaith Council of Westport and Weston is organizing a panel to explore the role that houses of faith, and communities, can play in providing sanctuary. The program will take place at 3:00 pm on Sunday, February 11 at the United Methodist Church, [49 Weston Road, Westport](#).

With tens of millions of refugees around the world, it is imperative that we learn about those who have been displaced and explore creative, faithful ways to respond to this crisis. We do this, not as members of one political party or the other, but as people of faith, collectively responding to the call to 'welcome the stranger.' [CLICK HERE](#) for flyer.

Gillespie Day - 6th&7th graders - MH - 10:30

Insight Meditation - Elm Room - 12:30

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

ARM Meeting - EW- 12:30

TUCWomen Brown Bag Lunch - MH -12:30

### **Mon Feb 12**

Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

NVC Practice Group - Lib - 7:00

### **Tues Feb 13**

Nominating Committee - FR - 7:00

Endowment Comm. - Lib - 7:00

Men's Choir - 8:00

### **Wed Feb 14**

Domestic Violence Task Force - EW - 12:30

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

COM - Rev John's office - 7:30

### **Thurs Feb 15**

Youth Choir - 5:00

Finance Committee - FR - 6:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Women's Choir - 7:45

**Sharing our Offering this Sunday with the Every Child is Our Child Program**

Every Child is Our Child (ECOC) was founded in 2005 by the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office (UU-UNO) in partnership with the Queen Mothers, the community leaders, of the Manya Krobo region in Ghana. The devastating effects of HIV/AIDS had created a large number of orphans. One of the most effective ways to fight poverty and the spread of HIV/AIDS is to increase access to education (especially for girls), and to give the local community ownership and methods for successfully coping with issues. That's what ECOC does by providing education and healthcare for the orphans and healthcare for the families that care for them.



**Beardsley School kindergartners** are brimming with smiles as they try on their colorful new hats and scarves on Friday, January 26. This annual gift to our adopted school is lovingly provided by the marvelously talented knitters in our Shawl Ministry.

**Fri Feb 16**  
Friday Night @ the Movies - MH - 6:00

**Sat Feb 17**  
A Better Man - MH - 8:00

Visiting Stewards Training Session - Sanctuary - 9:00

Cabaret - Sanctuary - 7:30(SNOW DATE)

**Sun Feb 18**  
Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

**Mon Feb 19**  
Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

O&AF - 7:45

**Tues Feb 20**  
BOT - EW - 7:00

Men's Choir - 8:00

**Wed Feb 21**  
Stewardship Committee - FR - 7:00

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

Chamber Choir - 7:45

**Thurs Feb 22**  
Youth Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Special Projects Choir - 7:45

**Fri Feb 23**  
Beloved Conv. Training - EW - 5:00

UU Movie Discussion -

## Helping Refugees Climb the Ladder to Success



The Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI, formerly IICONN), in collaboration with the The Unitarian Church in Westport Immigration and Refugee Outreach, is seeking Mentors for their refugee clients who are ready to develop their careers beyond entry level jobs. Having a better job not only benefits the client but also leads to a better quality of life for his or her whole family. However, climbing the ladder to success in a new country presents many challenges for the refugee.

[CLICK HERE](#) for flyer.

### An Intro to "Healing Journaling for Women" will start at 12:45 during TUCWomen's Brown Bag Lunch in the Meeting House on Sunday, February 11.

In a safe environment, a journaler and chaplain at our church, Janet Luongo, will lead exercises to open the heart, release stuck emotions and encourage healing connections with other women. Women may write and share, or may remain silent. Materials are provided unless you prefer to bring your own journal. All women are welcome.



### CONCERT - SAVE THE DATE! - Saturday, February 24, 7:30, *Choral Chameleon* in concert.

The fabulous New York choir, *Choral Chameleon*, will be in our very own sanctuary singing a concert of very mixed repertoire. The is an award winning choir that is taking down

MH - 7:30

#### Sat Feb 24

Beloved Conv. Training -  
EW - 8:30

Small Group Facilitators -  
MH - 10:00

Choral Chameleon  
Concert - Sanctuary -  
7:30

#### Sun Feb 25

Family Ministry Sampler -  
EW - after both services

Meditation - Elm Room -  
10:15

COA - 11:00

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

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

Women's Healing  
Journaling Workshop -  
YR - 12:30

#### [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 website](#)
- \* [Check the UU Westport Facebook page](#)
- \* **Watch Channel 8 or Channel 12 (Cablevision) on your television.**

the walls sacred/secular and classical/popular music. Tickets on line or after the service in the foyer. More on this later. Don't miss them.

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.

### Make Friends, Meet Other Congregants!



Join us in March as a Visiting Steward! This exceptional opportunity lets you meet three to five fellow congregants to talk about commitment to the congregation! No pressure, no

\$ numbers, just a conversation about pledging. You will get training and support! Email Elena Rockman, [erockman2006@aol.com](mailto:erockman2006@aol.com), to sign up. And get a friend to sign up with you; it's more fun with company!

Training Saturday Feb. 17, Barn Dance with Potluck Supper, March 3, Recognition Service Sunday morning March 4.

**TUCW Fellowship Dinner and Barn Dance**  
Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **BARN DANCE**

Live acoustic music dancing or just come and enjoy a "lively, upbeat, traditional and fun" band.

#### **POTLUCK DINNER**

A UU staple, all hot and cold foods - vegan, vegetarian, traditional are welcome. BYOB. Contact [Elena Rockman-Blake](#) or sign up at the lobby table after Services.

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TOGETHER  
AS UU'S**

## CAKE WALK

Similar to musical chairs, but with cakes as prizes for every round.

## BETTER TOGETHER AUCTION

Join a member of the congregation for a day of sailing, a Scotch tasting, a pool party or another adventure in fellowship!

[CLICK HERE](#) for flyer.

**Save the date - March 10, 9:00 am-1:00 pm**



In 2003 a long-range planning committee invited interested individuals to participate in a visioning process to identify aspirations, goals, and strategic plans to guide the congregation into the next 25 years. The process resulted in a statement which captured our purpose and vision: ***Living our own Theology: Within, Among, and Beyond Ourselves.***

It is now 15 years later, and the COM invites all interested members and friends to join us as we explore the goals we enumerated in 2003. How we are doing as a congregation? What are we doing well? What could we do better?

## Our Own Voices: from Pain to Empowerment

Thanks to all who attended the special service on January 28th service with special appreciation to the Men's and Women's Choirs and all of the participants who shared their stories with honesty and courage. We will be using the feedback from the Surveys collected after the service to help shape our congregation's faithful response to the #MeToo movement in worship, education, policy and public witness.

*The #MeToo Task Force*

*Lynda Shannon Bluestein, Felicia Keeton, Janet Luongo, Mary-Megan Marshall, Maureen McBride, Cheryl Dixon Paul, and Sudha Sankar*





## Leading Light Award Nominees

Is there a TUCW member who brings our mission of "Inspire. Connect. Act" to life? Is there someone in our congregation who embodies our culture of service and volunteerism by strengthening connections, developing opportunities for others to practice their faith, providing support to those in need, and by setting the example of working together toward a greater good? If so, we want your nominations for the Leading Light Award!

Please email [LDT@uuwestport.org](mailto:LDT@uuwestport.org) with your nominee and rationale.

**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.



**For individuals or families of our congregation seeking confidential support or information about addiction issues...** please contact our Addiction Recovery Ministry by calling [203-227-7205 ext. 19](tel:203-227-7205) or emailing [pca@uuwestport.org](mailto:pca@uuwestport.org).

## UPCOMING SERVICES



**February 18, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**"Coming Back From the Edge" - Rev. John Morehouse**

**February 25, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**"Rising Stronger Together" - Rev. John Morehouse**

**March 4, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**"Balancing Act" - Rev. John Morehouse**

**March 11, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**"Holding Up Astonishing Bridges" - Rev. John Morehouse**

**March 18, 2018 - 9:00 AM**  
**Rev. Julie Conrady, Guest Preacher**

**March 18, 2018 - 11:00 AM**

**Spring Concert Service**

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## LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

**THIS SUNDAY, February 11, 2018**

**Pre-K to Grade 5 Soul Matter's Theme: Perseverance and Love**

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

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

\* A story about the perseverance of love, Meditation song "May I be Happy"



**[CLICK HERE](#) for Pre-K-1st grade children's FAMILY "TAKE-IT-HOME" for this week.**



**2nd-3rd graders - Meet at 11:00 am**

\* Start in the SANCTUARY for Mary Collins' Story then to OAK ROOM

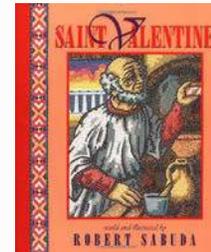
\* **Activities planned:** Perseverance **WALK OUTSIDE RAIN OR SHINE** - send to group with proper footwear and clothing for the weather.

[CLICK HERE](#) for 2-3rd grade children's FAMILY "TAKE-IT-HOME" for this week.

**4-5th graders - Meet at 11:00 am**

\* Start in the SANCTUARY for Mary Collins' Story then to BIRCH room

\* Activities planned: Corinthians 13:4 quote on love, the Story of St. Valentine (interesting parallels to how "other" people are treated today) Make pop up card for others



[CLICK HERE](#) for 4-5th children's FAMILY "TAKE-IT-HOME" for this week.



**Family Ministry:** Come for worship and a short program together. Meet other families. *Try it out on a Sunday*

**Sunday, February 25th after the services in East Wing -** Share a quote from a basket & with art materials draw or collage your definition of Perseverance

And Upcoming First Tuesdays,

- \* March 6th & May 1st from 7:00-8:00 pm,
- \* April 3 Potluck and worship 6:30-8:00 pm

## YOUTH GROUP

### CLASSES FOR February 11, 2018

\* **6th-7th Graders:** Meeting House, Main Floor, 10:30 am: this is a Gillespie Service Day (preparing & serving to hungry & homeless in Westport) led by Cathy McElroy and Maggie Blau.

[CLICK HERE](#) for permission slip.

\* **8th-9th grades:** Meeting House, Top Floor, 10:00 am: OWL: Robert Smith, Scott Singer, Mary Megan Marshall.

**Parents' Meeting:** 10:15-10:45 Chapel

\* **10th-12th grades (Youth Group):** Meeting House, Lower Floor, 11:00 am: Advisors TBA.





**ANNOUNCING FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!: Friday, February 16, 6:00-10:00 pm**

(PLEASE be prompt), Meeting House, main floor: Our first of hopefully many FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES! The present intent is to run this the first and third Friday of every month. We may tweak times, procedures, what

to ask people to bring, etc... as we proceed with this series. This will be a double feature and childcare will be provided for the second movie! The first movie will start PROMPTLY at 6:30. There will be a 10 minute break between movies and the second one will follow. There will be no money donation collected at this event; though future events may be fundraisers (if approved and all TUCW procedures followed).

**The first movie we will be showing will be: -----**

[http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2380307/?ref=nm\\_sr\\_1](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2380307/?ref=nm_sr_1)

**The second movie will be: -----**

[http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5027774/?ref=nm\\_sr\\_1](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5027774/?ref=nm_sr_1)



For the second movie, **a permission slip will be necessary** for any youth **and the parent MUST also be there.** [CLICK HERE](#) for the permission slip.

**BYOP** (bring your own popcorn, pizza, pepsi): Please bring something to share at 6:00; first showing is at 6:30.

***Childcare will be provided during the second movie on the lower floor of the Meeting House.***



**Sat-Sun February 24-25:** Youth Con sponsored by  
1)TUCW, 2)The Universalist Church in West Hartford and  
3)The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in

Hartford. [CLICK HERE](#) for permission form.

**Sat-Sun, March 24-March 25, 2:00 AM (Midnight Run):** 8th-9th graders sort clothes and prepare food to be distributed to the homeless and hungry in New York city. Kindly bring pants, jackets, underpants, socks toiletries and place in bin in sanctuary. Some future dates with more information coming March 3 - Barn Dance, May 5: Beach clean-up, May 12 Midnight Run.

[CLICK HERE](#) for flyer. [CLICK HERE](#) for permission slip.



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.