

This Soundings covers events beginning March 9, 2018

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The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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MARCH 24 IN HARTFORD, CT
AT THE
STATE CAPITOL

- * 1:00 Rally on the Capitol steps
- * 5:30 back at TUCW

We're going to Hartford on Saturday, March 24 to show up for safe, sane, sensible gun laws. We're going to support March for Our Lives. And we have a bus! Will you be on it?

- * 10:30 am depart TUCW
- * 12:30-1:00 march to the State Capitol

Bus fare is \$30 and you can reserve/pay for your ticket after Sunday services at the March 24 Rally table in the foyer or through David Vita.

March For Our Lives is created by, inspired by, and led by students across the country who will no longer risk their lives waiting for someone else to take action to stop the epidemic of mass school shootings that has become all too familiar.

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.

Fri March 9
Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

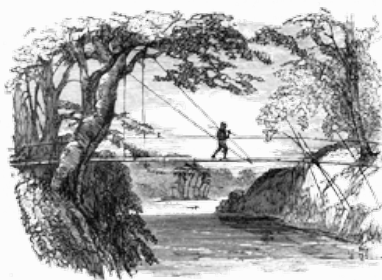
YRSC Fellowship Dinner - Sanctuary - 6:30 (SNOW DATE)

Sat March 10
COM
Congregational Workshop - EW - 9:00

SUNDAY SERVICES - March 11, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM

"Holding Up Astonishing Bridges" - Rev. John Morehouse

This line from Rilke is the jumping off point for a service on the spiritual dimensions to finding balance in our lives.



Worship Associate: --

Pastoral Care Chaplain: 9:00 Ravi Sankar; 11:00 Charles Harrington

Music: Once & Again Folksingers (both services)

Last Week's Sermon

"Balancing Act" ~ March 4, 2018

Caravan of Thieves at Voices Café Saturday, March 10 at 8:00 pm

Driving gypsy jazz rhythms, acoustic guitars, upright bass and violin lay the foundation for mesmerizing vocal harmonies and fantastic stories. It's theatrical and humorous. It's musical and intense. It entertains, dazzles and defies classification while welcoming the spectator to join the band throughout the performance in momentary fits of claps, snaps and sing-alongs. If Django Reinhardt, the cast of Stomp and the Beatles all had a party at Tim Burton's house, Caravan of Thieves would be the band they hired! [CLICK HERE](#) to tickets.



Preachers'
Workshop - EW -
10:00

Neighborhood
Circles Facilitators
- Lib - 10:00

Pastoral Care
Chaplains - YR -
1:00

Neighborhood
Circles Event -
EW - 6:00

Voices Cafe -
Sanctuary - 8:00

Sun March 11
Meditation - Elm
Room - 10:15

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

COA - 11:00

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

Women's Healing
Journaling
Workshop - YR -
12:45

Mon March 12
Bell Choir - EW -
6:45

NVC Practice
Group - Lib - 7:00

ITC4 - EW - 7:00

Tues March 13
Nominating
Committee - FR -
7:00

Men's Choir - 8:00



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

2018 - What a perfect time to talk about the future of our church! The COM (Committee on Ministry) hopes to assess the direction of our community by hearing what you have to say. What brings you to services on Sundays? What keeps you coming back? How are we doing

as a congregation, and, most importantly, where are we headed?

Please join us at this workshop to discuss your goals for the future of TUCW.

"Healing Journaling for Women" - Sunday March 11 at 12:45 PM



Meeting House Youth Room, bottom level.

Beverly Bailey is offering a special meditative and healing images to prompt your journaling. In a safe environment, Beverly, a seasoned facilitator of programs for people

undergoing emotional trauma, 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 or bring your own journal. All women are welcome.

Note: Before the workshop, at 12:30, you may want to bring your brown bag lunch and join the TUCWomen's Group gathering on the middle level of the meeting house.

BROWN BAG LUNCH Sunday, March 18

Bring your lunch and share good conversation in the Meeting House after the 11 o'clock service.



Wed March 14

Domestic Violence Task Force - EW - 12:30

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

Stewardship - FR - 7:00

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

Thurs March 15
Youth Choir - 5:00

Leadership Academy - EW - 6:00

Finance Committee - FR - 6:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Special Projects Choir - 7:45

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

Sat March 17
A Better Man - MH - 8:00

Special Projects Choir - Sanctuary - 10:00

Small Group Facilitators - MH - 10:00

Sun March 18
OWL Sessions - OWL Room - 10:00

OWL Parent Group - Chapel - 10:15

POT LUCK Friday March 23

Will it ever be spring? Yes!
Come share the promise of flowers and warm days
at the TUCWomen's Pot Luck, 6:30 pm, Friday March 23.

Let's gather to share a meal and the good company of women of
our congregation.

Home of Mary Beth Mollica - [3 Riverfield Drive, Westport](#)



Please RSVP to Sudha -
sudhasankar100@yahoo.com

MAILING LIST

Are you receiving email notices about upcoming
TUCWomen events? If you are not or if you
aren't sure, sign up here.

TUCWomen MAILING LIST -
<https://goo.gl/forms/fCyzYcN686olrbXG2>

An American Daughter A play by Wendy Wasserstein

**Friday & Saturday, March 23 & 24, 8:00 pm; Sunday, March 25,
3:00 pm**

Tickets at the door. Suggested donation to our church: \$25

Directed by Jim Luongo

Set in Washington, D.C., Dr. Lyssa Hughes, a daughter of a
Senator is nominated to the Cabinet, but a discovered past
indiscretion becomes a scandal that imperils her confirmation and
divides family and friends.

Please support our fundraiser, cast and crew: Sarah Bell, Arnela
Ten Meer, Shrutika Sankar, Bob Welsh, Stephen Axthelm, Tom
Croarkin, David Smith, Rainy Broomfield, Scott Singer, Berta
Russell, Joann Coviello, Lindy Hennessy and Tim Wilson.

Meditation - Elm
Room - 10:15

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

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

ARM Presentation
- Sanctuary -
12:30

TUCWomen
Brown Bag Lunch
- MH - 12:30

Women's Healing
Journaling
Workshop - YR -
12:45

Mon March 19
Bell Choir - EW -
6:45

O&AF - 7:45

Tues March 20
Interfaith Council
Meeting - Foyer -
12:00

BOT - EW - 7:00

Men's Choir - 8:00

Wed March 21
Beloved
Conversations -
EW - 7:00

Buddhist Practice
Group - MH - 7:00

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

Chamber Choir -
7:45

Thurs March 22
Youth Choir - 5:00

The next meeting of Movie Group will be Friday, March 30th, 7:30 pm in the Meeting House.

The movies we will discuss:
Black Panther;
Red Sparrow; and
A Fantastic Woman

Pot luck desserts and apps at 7:30 pm, discussion starts at 8:00 pm.
Decaf will be provided, but feel free to bring another beverage if you would like!

Any questions please contact Lorna Donnelly at ld06824@gmail.com.



Leadership Academy - EW - 6:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Women's Choir - 7:45

Fri March 23

Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

UU Movie Discussion - MH - 7:30

An American Daughter - Play - Sanctuary - 8:00

Sat March 24

Midnight Run - MH - 3:00

An American Daughter - Play - Sanctuary - 8:00

Sun March 25

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

COA - 11:00

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

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

Synergy Meeting - FR - 12:00

Beloved Conversations - MH - 12:30

ARM Presentation - EW - 12:30

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

Interested in attending General Assembly this

year? Registration, housing requests and financial aid applications open on March 1.

Grounded in a deep belief that we are all prophets, Unitarian Universalists ask, "How can we faithfully meet the demands of our time?" The call to witness and act for justice in our society and in the world is clear. So, too, is the call to examine our structures and practices, dismantling and transforming those which fail to recognize the full humanity of all people and to honor the interdependent web of life. Join us in Kansas City as we dive deeply into questions of mission for our Unitarian Universalist Association, for our congregations and communities, and for each of us as individuals.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

New this year you can propose a Networking Session or apply to present a poster. Deadlines for both are March 15th. See the [GA webpage](#).

Deadline for Financial Aid Application is March 31, and early bird registration ends April 30. Off-site delegate options are also available to those who are unable to travel to Kansas City. Learn all the details at www.uua.org/ga.

An American
Daughter - Play -
Sanctuary - 3:00

MUSICAL NOTES



On Sunday, March 18, the 11:00 service be dedicated to the annual spring concert/service. This year the Special Projects Choir will present "*Voices for Equality*". Our guest artists are Eddie Pleasant and Beth Palmer. This will be a dynamic presentation in both spoken words and music which will include selections from Ragtime, Les Mis, Curtis Mayfield, Verdi's opera Nabucco and much, much more. Come and be a part of the unusual presentation.

What? A free concert? What's the story?

We are celebrating! First we are celebrating the life of Joe Wertheim, a long-time member whose generosity and supportive spirit have helped us in a large way for the last 75 years. He is a model and source of inspiration for us all. Joe passed away last year. Thanks to Marion Wertheim's generosity, Margie Cooper, violinist extraordinaire, will be here to play a concert of music by Bach, Mozart, and Dvorak, some of Joe's favorite composers. The concert is dedicated to the memory of Joe, and we are invited to come and be inspired. But that is not all!



The second thing we are celebrating is the end of the annual pledge drive. We will celebrate our own spirit of generosity. There will be a potluck following the concert! More details about that later. Please join us for music, community, connection, inspiration, and food.

**Sunday, April 8, 4:00 concert; 5:30 potluck.
Don't forget to put that in your 'date-book'.**

[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.

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.



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.

[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.

UPCOMING SERVICES

March 18, 2018 - 9:00 AM
"A Viking's Happiness"
- Rev. Julie Conrady, Guest Preacher

March 18, 2018 - 11:00 AM
"Voices for Equality" - Special Projects Choir

March 25, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Jesus Wept and Buddha Laughed" -
Rev. John Morehouse

April 1, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Easter Sunday: Interruption and Emergence"
- Rev. John Morehouse

April 8, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Humanity Reimagined" - Rev. John Morehouse

April 15, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Julio Torres, Intern Minister

April 22, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM



"When Hope Lives Again" - Rev. John Morehouse

April 29, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

"Beyond Movements" - Rev. John Morehouse

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018



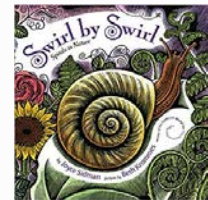
Collecting Canned Dog and Cat food NOW for our April 1st Easter Hunt and the cans will be donated to the CT Humane Society. Bring your donations to the decorated basket in the Foyer Sundays, March 11, 18, 25th please.

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

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.

* **Topic:** *Balance* - Numbers counting & Nature's spirals



CLICK HERE for Pre-K-1st grade children's FAMILY "TAKE-IT-HOME" for this week.



2nd-5th graders CHAPEL At 11:00 am only

* Start in the CHAPEL directly, pick up in the OAK room

* **Topic:** *Balance:* Fibonacci Sequence and Awe inspiring Patterns in Nature,

Unitarian Universalist Sources: Direct Experience of the Mystery some call God, and Use of Reason

BEFORE SUNDAY PARENTS PLEASE TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT:

* *Want to be a Chapel leader? Children who want to be a worship leader, tech person or do a reading - please RSVP to Mary Collins, Children's Program Coordinator. mary@uuwestport.org*

* *For the Chapel Offering - It's not only \$! Prepare your children to*



- Think of a good deed they have done, or a habit they made a small or big change to (catch 'em doing good)! Write their action offering down either at home or when they get here on paper provided.

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



Family Ministry Night: Is for Families with their children/teens and the Congregational Family, too

TUESDAY, APRIL 3 in East Wing, Fellowship Room & Foyer 6:30 to 8:00 pm
POTLUCK & WORSHIP (Topic: Emergence) & Social Time

Wiggly people's activity tables will be available

And Upcoming First Tuesdays: May 1st 7:00-8:00 pm

YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH GROUP CLASSES FOR March 11, 2018

* **6th-7th Graders:** GILLESPIE DAY! (Preparing & serving meal for homeless & hungry in Westport) 10:30 am Meeting House, Main Floor: Michelle Fleisher, Kim Farber

* **8th-9th grades:** 11:00 am: Meeting House, Top Floor: Coming of Age.

Carol Seiple. Shahan.

* **10th-12th grades (Youth Group):** Meeting House, Lower Floor: TBD. Seeking Advisors.



FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!: Friday, March 16, 6:00-10:00 pm (PLEASE be prompt), Meeting House, main floor: 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 film we will be showing will

be: http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5649144/?ref=mv_sr_2

The second film will be: http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5726616/?ref=mv_sr_1A
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. [CLICK HERE](#) for a printable flyer schedule of all the films being shown the rest of the church year for FRIDAY NIGHT AT GHE MOVIES.

- * **March 3-4 -Youth Con in Summit:** Spiritual Sustenance and Fun Overnight: [CLICK HERE](#) for information.
- * **Sunday, March 11 - Gillespie Day for 6th/7th graders:** Meet in the Meeting House Kitchen at 10:30 am. [CLICK HERE](#) for a Permission Slip for this event.
- * **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. [CLICK HERE](#) for flyer. [CLICK HERE](#) for permission slip
- * **Sunday, March 25th at the Westport Stop & Shop** - See elsewhere or contact [Cindy Potter](#) if more info is needed
- * **April 5-7** - UUUNO Intergenerational Seminar
- * **April 20-22** - Social Con
- * **April 21-22** - *8th-9th graders going to Boston as part of Coming of Age Program
- * **May 5** - Youth group Beach clean-up with "lock-in" at TUCW following
- * **May 6** - 8th/9th graders Coming of Age ceremony
- * **May 12** - 8th-9th graders Midnight Run - all welcome
- * **May 27** - Youth group graduating seniors' bridging preparation
- * **June 3** - Youth bridging graduating seniors' "review"
- * **June 10** - Youth graduating seniors' Bridging ceremony

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.
