



The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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Six Part UU History Series - Friday, April 13, 7:00-9:00 pm, Meeting House - Long Strange Trip: "In the Beginning" (0 c.e. - 1553 c.e.)

Part 1 examines the early roots of liberal religious thought. It chronicles the isolated declarations of Universal Salvation in the early years of the Christian era and traces the early anti-trinitarians such as the monk Arius and his role in the Council of Nicaea. Pre-Reformation heretics such as Katherine Vogel, John Wycliffe, and Jan Hus are discussed. And it concludes with the life and work of Michael Servetus making the case that there were two Reformations going on in the 16th century - a theologically conservative one catalyzed by Martin Luther and a liberal one based largely on the works of Servetus..

MICHAEL SERVETUS



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.



SUNDAY SERVICES - April 15, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM



"Emergence of a Dream Seed"

- **Julio Torres, Intern Minister**

Julio Torres, Intern Minister will share his own journey to ministry amidst the metaphors of dreams and journeys.

Worship Associate: Linda Hudson

Pastoral Care Chaplain: 9:00 Tom Hearn;
11:00 Lindy Hennessy

Music: The Chamber Choir sing both services

Mon April 13

UU History Series - MH - 7:00

Sat April 14

Neighborhood Circles Facilitators - Lib - 10:00

Pastoral Care Associates - MH - 1:00

Social Justice Film: 'Merchants of Doubt' - Sanctuary - 7:30

Sun April 15

OWL Sessions - OWL

Last Week's Sermon



"Humanity Reimagined"~ April 8, 2018

FILM: "Merchants of Doubt" - Saturday, April 14 at 7:30 PM

We are living in an amazing age where information is available at our finger tips. With just a few keystrokes, we can access volumes of data and information about just about any topic we desire, but the question is: how good is that information and is there an agenda behind the source that is not immediately obvious?



The 2014 film "Merchants of Doubt" pulls back the curtain on a hidden world where a small group of politically well-connected, media-savvy men-for-hire have sewn doubt and confusion in the public's mind about the science of tobacco addiction, toxic chemicals, pharmaceuticals, climate change and more.

The event is free and open to the public. A panel discussion will follow the film. Contact David Vita: david@uwestport.org or 203.227.7205 x14



"Our Real Bucket List" ~ A sermon by William McEvoy delivered at the First Unitarian Society of Westchester, October 8, 2017

http://www.fusw.org/uploads/1/3/0/4/13041662/our_real_bucket_list_oct_8_2017.pdf

- Room - 10:00
- OWL Parent Group - Chapel - 10:15
- Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15
- Youth Group (10th-12th) - YR - 11:00
- 6th-7th Graders - MH - 11:00
- TUCWomen Brown Bag - MH - 12:30
- Women's Healing Journaling Workshop - YR - 12:30
- Mon April 16**
- Bell Choir - EW - 6:45
- Grief Support Group - Rev. John's office - 7:00
- O&AF - 7:45
- Tues April 17**
- #MeToo - FR - 5:15
- BOT - EW - 7:00
- Men's Choir - 8:00
- Wed April 18**
- Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00
- Chamber Choir - 7:45
- Thurs April 19**
- Youth Choir - 5:00
- Finance Committee - FR - 6:00
- Teen Choir - 6:00
- Beloved Conversations - EW - 7:00
- Special Projects Choir -

Beardsley School ~ Can You Help?

Beardsley third grader, Leelo, needs help with her math facts. If she can work one-on-one once a week and practice with flashcards and math games she can get better. Can you help her?



Fifth grader, John, has fallen behind in math. He needs someone to sit with him once a week to review the basics – like multiplication. Can you help him?

If you can help students like these, please email Linda Brewster at lbrewste@optonline.net

See for yourself how confidence in simple math facts can increase a child's self-esteem.

Joe Crookson at Voices Café - Saturday, April 21 at 8:00 pm



Songwriter, guitarist, painter, fiddler, slide player, eco-village member and believer in all things possible. Named 2016 Folk Alliance International Artist-in-Residence. An internationally touring artist, Crookson is an energetic live performer, master songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and engaging storyteller.

Purchase tickets here: <https://voicescafe.org/show/joe-crookson/>

Here he sings "Fall Down As The Rain" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KrdlYftMn94>

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday June 3rd

Please join us in celebrating the 40th anniversary of Ed Thompson's Music Ministry with our Church.

The Special Projects Choir will sing the annual year end concert including the World Premiere of a new choral piece by renowned composer Paul Halley, commissioned by the Unitarian Church in Westport and dedicated to Ed Thompson.

Come celebrate this very special event in our church community. There will be a reception following the 10:00 service.



Spring Renewal Meditation Retreat - Saturday, April 28th, 10:00-4:00

7:45

Fri April 20

Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

Friday Night @ the Movies - MH - 6:00

Sat April 21

COA Boston trip - 8:00

A Better Man - MH - 8:00

Small Group Facilitators - MH - 10:00

Voices Cafe - 8:00

Sun April 22

COA Boston trip - 8:00

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

UU Liberation - EW - 12:30

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

Mon April 23

ITC4 Meeting - Sanctuary - 5:30

Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

NVC Practice Group - Lib - 7:00

Grief Support Group - Rev. John's office - 7:00

Tues April 24

#MeToo - FR - 5:15

Men's Choir - 8:00

Wed April 25

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

Eliminating Racism - Lib - 7:30



Join us for a day of renewal, retreat, and relaxation. The Spring Renewal Meditation Retreat provides a supportive environment to learn mindfulness techniques for resiliency and stress reduction, explore a variety of meditation approaches, and build self-awareness while in the company of fellow practitioners at all levels.

Speakers include Svaha and Manjushri, Shanti Mission, Monroe; from the The Unitarian Church in Westport, Bob Bevacqua, Jim Francek, Reverend John Morehouse, Nina Nagy, Marjorie Partch, and meditation leaders, Nanette DeWester and Janet Luongo.

Attendees are welcome to come for all or part of the retreat.

Sign-up here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aa9a92ba6fc1-spring>

At the Meeting House (located in the back of the parking lot).

Please bring a brown bag lunch and cushion or meditation props if needed.

UU Movie Group movies selected for discussion on April 27 are:

- The Death of Stalin***
- Finding Your Feet***
- Spinning Man***



These are subject to change as not all the movies have arrived in our area.

As usual, pot luck desserts, apps & beverages. Decaf will be provided. We gather at 7:30 pm at the Meeting House, and the discussion starts at 8:00 pm.

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

Thurs April 26
Youth Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Women's Choir - 7:45

Fri April 27
UU History Series - MH - 7:00

UU Movie Discussion - MH - 7:30

Sat April 28
Gallery Walk - Sanctuary - 11:00

Meditation Retreat (Labyrinth) - EW - 12:30

Sun April 29
OWL Sessions - OWL Room - 10:00

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

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

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

ARM Presentation - Sanctuary - 12:30

Vedanta Lectures: Jaya Row - EW - 12:30

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

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



All Church Community women are invited



**"Healing Journaling for Women," Sunday April 15
at 12:45 PM - 2:00 pm Meeting House Youth Room, bottom level.**

Linda Ganga is offering a journaling warm-up method using prompts for writing a letter (to your wise self, your younger self, your future self, to someone who hurt you, to someone who may heal you). In a safe environment, Linda will create an atmosphere where women may write and share, or may remain silent. Materials are provided or bring your own journal. Questions to Janet Luongo - jlungo3@optonline.net

BROWN BAG LUNCH Sunday, April 15

Bring your lunch and share good conversation in the Meeting House after the 11:00 service.

#MeToo Task Force RESPONSE Sunday, April 15

Come hear the women of the TaskForce present a faithful Response to the #MeToo Movement in the Meeting House after the 11:00 service.



POT LUCK Friday, April 20.

Celebrate the promise of Spring
6:30 PM, Friday April 20 at the home of Linda Hudson
18 Kings Highway South, Westport
Tel: (203) 226-5335
Please RSVP to Linda Hudson - lhudson30@hotmail.com



Bring an appetizer, entrée, salad or dessert. No individual assignments for food. Not everyone has to bring something to eat. If you don't have time to cook, don't know what to bring, come anyway. There is always enough food. Let's gather to share a meal and the good company of women of our congregation.

**"Inspired Living" - Lecture By Mrs. Jaya Row, Leading inspirational speaker on of
Vedanta Philosophy - Sunday April 29th 12:30 - 2:00 PM (East Wing).**

The topic address what it takes to be inspired in the modern world that is full of gizmos, high technology entertainment and a lifestyle that feels mundane and robotic.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.





KATIE B.

at the Unitarian Church in Westport

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- Join us April 29th from 12:30-2pm in the sanctuary to hear Katie B. share her experience, strength and hope from the family's perspective. As an upper level executive of a global company, mother, daughter and spouse, Katie will shed light on addiction's impact on loved ones and how to recover alongside an addict or survive and thrive

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the slate of candidates to be voted on at the Annual Meeting on June 10, 2018 to fill openings on elected committees.

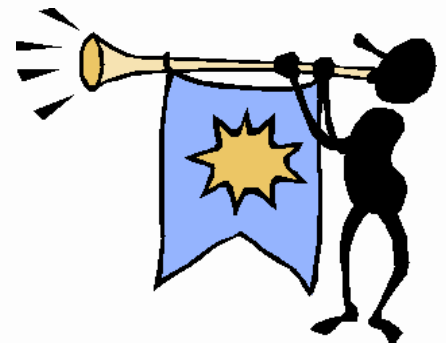
Board of Trustees: Doug Flam and Steve Grathwohl;

Nominating Committee: Sal Mollica, Michelle Garvey and Sari Bodi (to complete unexpired 1 year term);

Endowment Committee: Mark Corcoran;

Committee on Ministries: Jenna Jacobs and Sudha Sankar (to complete unexpired 2 year term).

Additional nominees for any position may be submitted by petition signed by at least 30 members of the Congregation eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting, and include the signature of and biographical information on the nominee. Petitions for election must be filed with the Secretary of the Board (MaryJane Cross) by noon on May 1. Nominees must be members for at least 12 months prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. Candidates can get petition forms on the [church website](#) or by emailing secretary@uuwestport.org





The Very Fine Life Time Volunteer Award

The Board of Trustees is seeking YOUR input for the 2018 FINE Award, given to outstanding volunteer(s) at an Annual Meeting. This award intends to recognize the consistent, outstanding, and otherwise unacknowledged volunteer contribution made to the pastoral, administrative, congregational and/or financial life and health of this community.

Send nominations to the Board secretary, secretary@uuwestport.org.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full list of past awardees.

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.



you are not alone!

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 or emailing pca@uuwestport.org.

UPCOMING SERVICES



April 22, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Uncentering Ourselves" - Rev. John Morehouse

April 29, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Prophets of a Future Not Our Own" - Rev. John Morehouse

May 6, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Julio Torres will preach Coming of Age Sunday
- Julio Torres, Intern Minister

May 13, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Mothers All" - Rev. John Morehouse

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

THIS SUNDAY, April 15, 2018

Pre-K to Grade 5 Soul Matter's Theme: Emergent - UU History



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.

* UU History emerging ideas, build a church or a cabin like Thoreau

[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

* William Ellery Channing, 1800's ideas that started us towards the UU Seven Principles & Six Sources (practice saying what Unitarian Universalism is)

[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 Mary's Story then to BIRCH room

* UU History Reflection story of William Ellery Channing's 1819 Baltimore Sermon and *The Great Aim of Religious Education* quote & Unitarian Universalism's 7 Principles and 6 Sources.



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



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

Come for a weekday WORSHIP & and a short program together

TUESDAY, MAY 1st - 7:00 to 8:00 pm

- in East Wing or out on the lawn

YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH GROUP YOUTH GROUP CLASSES FOR April 15, 2018

* **6th-7th Graders:** 11:00 am Meeting House, Main Floor.

* **8th-9th grades: 10:00 am: OWL:** Robert Smith, Mary Megan Marshall, Scott Singer * **10:15: Parents' Group, Chapel**

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





FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!: Friday, April 20, 6:00-10:00 pm (PLEASE be prompt), Meeting House, main floor: The first film 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/tt0053125/?ref=rv_sr_2

The second film will be: http://www.imdb.com/title/tt4925292/?ref=rv_sr_1 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. [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.



- * **April 20-22** - Social Con Social Con at White Plains UU congregation
- * **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. **Adult Parent Volunteers needed for both clean-up and lock-in.** Please contact Trina at trinawong32@gmail.com if you have any questions, or want more details about what this will entail.
- * **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.