



# The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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**Sunday, May 13th Flower Communion Service - Bring a flower for Each individual / person in your family (from outdoors or store bought).** This Service is a uniquely Unitarian Universalist Communion where we honor the beauty of each individual (represented by a flower), the beauty of all of us together (the bouquet) and show acceptance and appreciation of each other in community by taking home a flower brought by another 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:Mary.Collins@uuwestport.org) to arrange child care.*

## SUNDAY SERVICES - May 13, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM



### "Mothers All" - Rev. John Morehouse

The impulse to care for those we love is at the heart of motherhood but it is not restricted to mothers alone. Rev. John will preach.

**Worship Associate:** 9:00 Mary-Megan Marshall; 11:00 Joanne Orenstein

**Pastoral Care Chaplain:** 9:00 Jim Francek; 11:00 Ron Taylor

**Music:** 9:00 Men's Choir and Bell Choir; 11:00 Women's Choir and Bell Choir



### Fri May 11

Friday Night @ the Movies  
- MH - 6:00

UU History Series - EW - 7:00

### Sat May 12

Neighborhood Circle facilitators - Lib - 10:00

Resume Writing Workshop - EW - 10:00

Pastoral Care Associates - MH - 1:00

Midnight Run - MH - 3:15

**UU Liberation Series - May 13th** - In several chapters of Pedagogy of the Poor, one co-author interviews the other co-author. Willie Baptist, in this week's chapter (3) we will be discussing the contributions of Martin Luther King Jr and Malcolm X to the analysis of Poverty. [CLICK HERE](#) for flyer.





**The goal of the Poor People's Campaign** is to build powerful state-based coalitions that can generate a moral movement across the country, shift the distorted national narrative of who and what matters. Ultimately transform the political, economic, and moral structures of our society. The campaign has an intersectional lens, addressing the plight of 150 million in this country

who struggle economically while confronting white supremacy, environmental destruction, voter suppression, mass incarceration and deportation, and militarism. See Julio Torres for those interested in participating in this historic national movement. [CLICK HERE](#) for flyer.

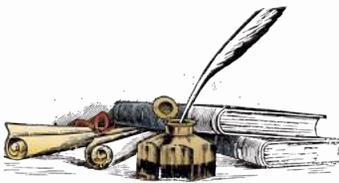
**Voices Café, Saturday, May 12 at 8:00 pm**

**Seven-time Grammy winner Paul Winter, and three "masterful" Brazilian musicians performing a benefit concert for the KEYS - Kids Empowered by Your Support** - music program which provides free one-to-one musical instrument lessons and group music instruction to underserved inner-city children in Bridgeport, CT who have no other access to this empowering life experience. Concert seating. No tables.



[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets. [CLICK HERE](#) for flyer.

**Resume Writing Workshop with Elizabeth Macdonald Saturday, May 12 from 10:00-11:30 in the East Wing**



With 15 years of experience teaching business communication at one of the top business schools in the country, Elizabeth has a strong track record in helping people develop resumes that help them get their dream jobs. What makes her resume coaching unique is that she understands how people process written text, and can help you understand what information to include and how to format it so that your resume successfully communicates what you want it to. She is currently a resume coach for two programs at Arizona State University.

**TUCWomen - May Potluck at Jamie Forbes'**

**Let's celebrate our circles of women 6:30 pm, Friday, May 18 at Jamie Forbes' home 769 Hillside Road, Fairfield CT**

Please bring anything you like to share - appetizer, salad, side, main dish, dessert.

No individual assignments for food - it works out fine. Not everyone has to bring something to eat.



Voices Cafe - Sanctuary - 8:00

**Sun May 13**  
Flower Communion Service

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

Youth Group (8th-12th) - YR - 11:00

Endowment Committee - Lib - 12:30

UU Liberation Series - EW - 12:30

**Mon May 14**  
Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

NVC Practice Group - Lib - 7:00

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

**Tues May 15**  
#MeToo - FR - 6:45

BOT - EW - 7:00

Men's Choir - 8:00

**Wed May 16**  
Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

Chamber Choir - 7:45

**Thurs May 17**  
Youth Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Finance Comm - FR - 6:00

Special Projects Choir - 7:45

**Fri May 18**  
Shawl Ministry - MH -

If you don't have time to cook, don't know what to bring, come anyway. There is always enough food.

Please RSVP Jamie - [jforbes1@gmail.com](mailto:jforbes1@gmail.com) - Tel:(203) 521-3848



**On Saturday, May 19 from 12:00-3:00 we're having an orientation for folks new to Unitarian Universalism and to this congregation.** It's a great way to get to know some more people both new to this community and some of us who have been around awhile. I always enjoy seeing people who have attended the orientation chatting over coffee the next Sunday! The day consists of sharing our "journey" stories-how we came to be where we are in our life, Rev. John talks about our Unitarian and Universalist history and our Seven Principles, and there's plenty of time for questions and discussion.

Contact David Vita, Director of Social Justice and Membership, [david@uwestport.org](mailto:david@uwestport.org), to let me know that you will be attending.

**COMING! May 20th, Sunday, for both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am services.**

**The Silver Fish** - the musical! Performed by the Youth Choir as part of the morning services. It is a pertinent story that fits our time and our world. It is music, drama, education, theater and fun. Come and see what these young and very talented people (ages 8-12) have worked on this semester. More next week.



**UU History series - Part IV: Part IV: Universalism (1600-1860)  
Friday, May 25, Friday - 7:00 pm - East Wing**



The development of Universalism in Europe and the upsurge of Universalist churches in America during the early 19th century. Hosted by TBD/ Julio Torres

[CLICK HERE](#) for flyer.

**#ChurchToo - A Faithful Response**

Since the #MeToo Task Force was launched last November, a number of programs and gatherings were organized in our congregation to respond to the call of women and men. See what has already been put in and know there is still much work to be done.

12:30

Friday Night @ the Movies  
- MH - 6:00

**Sat May 19**

A Better Man - MH - 8:00

Newcomer Orientation -  
Chapel - 12:00

Ethnic Eats - Sanctuary &  
EW - 4:30

**Sun May 20**

Town Hall Meeting After  
Both Services (Budget  
Info) - Sanctuary - after  
each service

Meditation - Elm Room -  
10:15

Youth Group (8th-12th) -  
YR - 11:00

UU Liberation Series - EW  
- 12:30

TUCWomen Brown Bag  
Lunch - MH - 12:30

LDT Synergy Meeting -  
Rev. John's office - 12:45

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

Arya Samaj - EW - 4:00

**Mon May 21**

Intern Minister Committee  
- Lib - 6:00

Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

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

O&AF - 7:45

**Tues May 22**

#MeToo - FR - 6:45

This coming Sunday, June 13th at both services, there will be an announcement of a Resolution, still in draft form, that the #MeToo Task Force will be taking to the Annual Congregational Meeting in June. There will also be a table in the Foyer where you can pick up copies of the early draft of this Resolution as well as information on programs that are ongoing and places where volunteers are needed - especially in the area of education for all ages. This was a high priority listed on the Survey that was conducted in January.



Please let us know if you want to be more involved because we need your help!  
~ #MeToo Task Force

[CLICK HERE](#) to E-mail.

[READ MORE...](#)

### 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.

Men's Choir - 8:00

**Wed May 23**  
Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

Worship associates - Sanctuary - 7:00

Eliminating Racism - Lib - 7:30

**Thurs May 24**  
Youth Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Special Projects Choir - 7:45

**Fri May 25**  
UU History Series - EW - 7:00

UU Movie Discussion - MH - 7:30

**Sun May 27**  
Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

UU Liberation Series - EW - 11:30

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



**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@uwestport.org](mailto:pca@uwestport.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@uwestport.org](mailto:pca@uwestport.org).



### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

**May 20, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**Youth (Children's) Choir Musical**

**May 27, 2018 - 10:00 AM**  
**"Creative Memories" - Rev. John Morehouse**

**June 3, 2018 - 10:00 AM**  
**"The Blessing of Music: A Celebration of Rev. Dr. Ed Thompson's Forty Years of Ministry"**

**June 10, 2018 - 10:00 AM**  
**"Our Children's Blessings" - Rev. John Morehouse**

### **LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

**THIS SUNDAY, May 13, 2018**

**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:* Creativity and Justice/Mama's Day



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



**2nd-4th graders:**

- \* **Are welcome to join us in the Pine Room or**
- \* **Bring a flower for each person in your family and grab a clip board activity and go to the sanctuary for the Flower Service.**

## YOUTH GROUP

### YOUTH GROUP CLASSES - NONE FOR MAY 13, 2018

**6th-7th grades:** Kindly attend service as we are finished classes for the church year.

**8th-12th:** As the 8th and 9th graders have graduated to Youth Group, they should go to the first combined meeting of 8th-12th grades. There will be introduction, check-in and some worship.



**FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!: Friday, May 4, 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: [https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0053125/?ref\\_=nv\\_sr\\_1](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0053125/?ref_=nv_sr_1)

The second film will be: [https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4925292/?ref\\_=nv\\_sr\\_1](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4925292/?ref_=nv_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 THE MOVIES.

### KEY DATES

- \* **May 12 (about PM) to May 13 (about 8:00 am) :** 8th-9th graders Midnight Run - (10th- 12th graders and everyone else welcome). We need some food items to be brought over in support of the run on May 12th. [CLICK HERE](#) for permission slip.
- \* **May 13:** Mothers Day/Flower Communion service
- \* **May 20:** Youth choir musical - both services
- \* **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.