



The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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SUNDAY SERVICE - SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM

"A Faith Further Forming" - Rev. John Morehouse

In this service Rev. John will explore what it means to be a faithful UU especially when life hasn't been kind. Our congregation is embarking on a new course in what was once called Religious Education. Drawing on insights from all the great world traditions we will celebrate together a new way of being religious. This is also the beginning of Rosh Hashanah in the Jewish calendar, the High Holy Day celebrating a New Year.



Worship Associate: Linda Hudson

Pastoral Care Chaplain: 9:00 Stapley Emberling - 11:00 Kate Croarkin

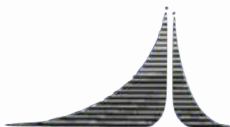
Music : 9:00 Women's Choir - 11:00 Men's Choir

UPCOMING EVENTS

Child care is provided for Sunday Services & on an as needed basis for other events. Organizers of events should contact [Saundra Clements](mailto:Saundra.Clements@uuwestport.org) to arrange child care.



Notes from The Board of Trustees



Welcome home! The Unitarian Church in Westport's 2018-2019 year started off in fine form - kicked off with a community barn dance and cake walk, followed with an inspirational Homecoming service, and capped off with an energetic and info-packed Expo and barbecue. Your Board of Trustees also started off the new year in fine form with our Board Retreat. An annual tradition, the Board Retreat is an opportunity to welcome our new Trustees and get to know each other in an informal setting. We also take some time to learn how to govern better within Policy-Based Governance, reaffirm our covenant with each other, and set new Board Goals for the coming year.

Sun Sept 16

Worship Services -
Sanctuary - 9:00 & 11:00

4th-5th OWL Parent +
Child (mandatory) - MH -
9:00

Meditation - Elm Room -
10:15

Facilitators' Meeting
w/UUA Consultant - EW -
12:30

A big part of the work we plan to do this year involves reaching out to all of you - beloved members of our congregation. We want to hear about what we're doing well, what we can do better, and what your vision and dreams are for TUCW in the years ahead. The first of many of these kinds of events will be this coming **Saturday, September 15 - "Creating TUCW's Future."** For a few hours in the morning or afternoon, you will be asked to help us clarify a vision for our shared future, in preparation for the prospective launch of a Capital Campaign. We need your input, so please join us for this important event. There will be child care for the morning session, and food at both the morning and afternoon sessions.



To sign up or for more information about the event, please send an email to secretary@uwestport.org.

We hope you can join us!

The choirs await you!!

The following choirs will resume at the following times. For a full schedule, please see the schedule on the website or be in touch with Ed Thompson.



- * **Children's Choir** (formerly Youth Choir) - Thursday, September 13 - 5:00 PM
- * **Teen Choir** - Thursday, September 13 - 6:00 PM
- * **Once & Again Singers** - September 10th, Monday - 7:45 PM
- * **Men's Choir** - Tuesday, September 11 - 8:00 PM
- * **Women's Choir** - Thursday, September 13 - 7:45 PM
- * **Chamber Choir** - Wednesday, September 5 - 7:45 PM
- * **Bell Choir** - September 10, Monday - 6:45 PM
- * **Special Projects Choir** - Thursday, August 30 - 7:45 PM

This is the perfect time to join a choir, at the beginning of a season.

For all questions about the music program, please be in touch with Ed Thompson 203-227-7205 ext. 18 or Ed@uwestport.org

TUCWomen Brown Bag Lunch, Meeting House at 12:30 pm

8th Grade Parents' Orientation - MH 3rd fl - 12:30

Mon Sept 17
Bell Choir - 6:45

O&AF - 7:45

Tues Sept 18
Men's Choir - Chapel - 8:00

Wed Sept 19
Pending Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

Chamber Choir - 7:45 pm

Thurs Sept 20
Children's Choir - 5:00

Finance Committee - FR - 6:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Amnesty International - Lib - 7:00

Women's Choir - 7:45

Sat Sept 22
Youth Group Lock-In - MH - 2:00

Small Group Facilitators, MH - 10:00

Sun Sept 23
4-5 OWL - MH - 9:00

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

Spiritual Leadership - EW - 12:30

Mon Sept 24
Bell Choir - 6:45

NVC Practice Group - Lib - 6:30

Tues Sept 25



Looking for children for the Children's Choir, ages 8 through 12.

This is a fun group of young singers who are learning musical skills at the same time they are learning about their faith through music. This is a perfect way for them to form bonds with their community. For more information please be in touch with Ed Thompson 203-227-7205 ext.18 or Ed@uwestport.org

Looking for teens (ages 13 and beyond) for the Teen Choir.

This is a fun group of singers that are also learning about Unitarian Universalist values through singing. The friendships that are formed in this group frequently outlast their time in choir, in fact, some of the friendships last a lifetime. They also add to the worship life of our community and as such they realize the value of being in community. For more information please be in touch with Ed Thompson 203-227-7205 ext.18 or Ed@uwestport.org

NEEDED - 5 ushers for our usher group.

No prior experience needed, just a willing heart and helping hands.

For all questions/concerns, or to sign up, please be in touch with Tom Croarkin (head usher) 203-374-8046 or tcroarkin1126@att.net

Or you can speak with Ed Thompson 203-227-7205 ext.18 - Ed@uwestport.org



Camp Jewell - Multigenerational Retreat - October 12-14, 2018



Join your UU friends for a weekend of fun, worship, personal growth, and friendship. Meet new chums, reconnect with old ones, or deepen relationships with those you already have. This is a chance for you to get away from it all and have a great family weekend, just about an hour away! There will be workshops for adults, team building for our youth, and activities for the

kids.

Facilities Advisory Team -
Rev. John's office - 6:30

Men's Choir - 8:00

Wed Sept 26

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

Thurs Sept 27

Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Chapel Leaders'
Orientation - EW - 6:30

Women's Choir - 7:45

Fri Sept 28

Choir rehearsals - 7:00

UU Movie Discussion -
MH - 7:30

Sat Sept 29

CD recording session -
8:00-5:00

Sun Sept 30

4-5 OWL - MH - 9:00

Meditation - Elm Room -
10:15

CD recording session -
12:30-7:30

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



Additional activities include but are not limited to: boating, hiking, feeding the animals, rock climbing, whiffle ball, ga-ga ball, an ice cream social, and much more.

Register online at www.uuwestport.org/go-jewell or in person in the lobby after services on Sunday. Save \$10.00 if you register by September 30!

Questions? Check the FAQs on the website above or Contact

Cathy McElroy at mcelroy.cathy@gmail.com

Elena Rockman-Blake at erockman2006@aol.com

Eileen O'Reilly at eileenor@outlook.com



TUCWomen Events -

Come to a Brown Bag Lunch.

Sunday, September 16th, 12:30 PM

after the 11:00 Service in the Meeting House

Bring your lunch and share good conversation.

Are you receiving TUCWomen email notices? If not or if you are not sure sign up here at <https://goo.gl/forms/2RA8gtacLPeR2Xre2>

Questions about TUCWomen? Send them to tucwomen@uuwestport.org

**Celebrate the new church year
and our wonderful community of women.**

Come to a Potluck!

Friday, September 21st, 6:30 PM

at the home of Eileen Belmont

41 Regents Park, Westport

Bring something to share or, if you are too tired to cook, just come.

All women are invited. RSVP soon. Space is limited.

RSVP to Sudha Sankar - sudhasanka100@yahoo.com



The memorial service for Sandy Cygan will be on Saturday, September 15th, at 10:00 am. The Cygans have been members here since the early 70s. We extend our sympathy to Bob and his family. All are welcome to attend.

The memorial service for Peter Atkins will be held on Sunday, September 16th at 4:00.

All are welcome.

Grief Support Group



The death of a loved one is one of the most painful experiences in life.

In traveling this journey of loss, we need not do it alone. In fact, research tells us that having support at a time of loss is essential to the healing process.

Our church offers a **Grief Support Group** starting **Monday, October 8th**. This group will run for 6 Monday evenings (October 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5 and 19) from 7:00 to 8:30 pm here at the UU Church. This group is open to all UU members and to the wider community.

In the group, we will share our stories of loss, learn more about the grief process, address some of the difficult feelings in loss such as regret and guilt and discover ways to cope. We will also have the opportunity to support others who are going through their own grief process.

Facilitators for this group are Pastoral Care Chaplains Pat Francek, MSW and Chuck Harrington, PHD.

To register, or for more information, please contact Pat Francek at 203-893-1781 or email her at patfrancek@gmail.com before October 1. Also, please pass this information on to others who may benefit from this support group.

Thank You



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

September 23, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"The Good We Cannot See"

September 30, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Our new Intern Minister Margalie Belizaire will preach.

October 7, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Sanctuary for All Creatures Great and Small"



LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

SUNDAY, September 16, 2018

**PARENTS IMPORTANT REMINDER:
TODAY WE START HAVING TWO SERVICES -
9:00 & 11:00 AM**

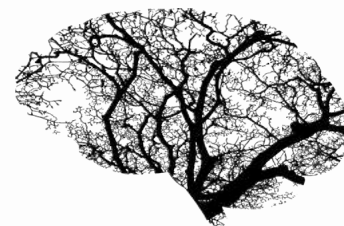


YOUTH GROUP



THANKS DJ, ALEX & CECELIA: Thanks to DJ, Alex (Ludlow) and Cecelia for running a great Parent-Youth kickoff meeting!

6th-7th GRADES: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 at 11:00 AM IN MEETING HOUSE, MAIN FLOOR, UU "LEARN" SESSION: There will be a UU "Learn" Session on Sunday, September 16 at 11:00 am at the Meeting House, Main Floor. This should last to about 12:15. Teacher: Lisa Donohue-Olivieri, plus TBD
NOTE: NEXT WEEK (September 22) is our first visit - it will be to the Universalist Church of West Hartford.



8th GRADE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 at 12:30 PM IN MEETING HOUSE, "YOUTH" ROOM (not "OWL" Room) - MANDATORY PARENT ORIENTATION & MEET OWL TEAM - There will be no OWL "class", but a mandatory OWL Parent Orientation Meeting on Sunday, September 16 at 12:30 PM at the Meeting House in the "Youth" Room (has couches). This should last to about 2:00 PM. Facilitators: OWL Team

YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 9-12): SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 at 11:00 AM IN MEETING HOUSE, "YOUTH" ROOM: GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER: There will be an initial get to know each other session on Sunday, September 16 at 11:00 AM at the Meeting House in the Youth Room. ADVISORS: TBD



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



SOME DATES:

- * **September 22 (Sat)-23(Sun):** "LOCK-IN at TUCW - Need chaperones - contact Shahan Islam, Youth Program Coordinator - shahan@uuwestport.org or 347-603-6869
- * **October 12 (Fri)-14 (Sun):** Camp Jewell
- * **November 9 (Fri)-11 (Sun):** CON at TUCW
- * **November 25 (Sun):** Wreath Sales 10:00 am-12:45 pm
- * **December 2 (Sun):** Wreath Sales 10:00 am-12:45 pm
- * **December 23 (Sun):** YG Holiday Party w/alums 11:00 am-12:30 pm
- * **March 15 (Fri) - 17 (Sun):** CON at TUCW
- * **March 17 (Sun):** Youth Services (both)
- * **April 26 (Fri)- 28(Sun):** Youth (8th Gr) BOSTON Trip
- * **May 5 (Sun):** Youth (8th Gr) Coming of Age Ceremony
- * **May 19 (Sun):** Youth (8th Gr) comes to Youth Group
- * **June 2 (Sun):** Bridging Ceremony (Seniors)

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.