



The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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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.



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 ~

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Elena Rockman-Blake at erockman2006@aol.com
Eileen O'Reilly at eileenor@outlook.com

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) to arrange child care.



Fri Oct 5
Shawl Ministry - MH -
12:30

Sun Oct 7
Meditation - Elm Room -
10:15

Build Your Own Theology
- EW - 12:30

Immigration Social Action
- Sanctuary - 12:30

All Choirs - Potluck - 6:00

Mon Oct 8
Bell Choir - 6:45

SUNDAY SERVICE - October 7, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM



"Sanctuary for All Creatures Great and Small"

- Rev. John Morehouse

This all church Sunday will be our annual animal blessing service. Bring your well behaved pets or photos of them to be blessed by Rev. John.

Worship Associate: Judy Eckert

Pastoral Care Chaplain: 9:00 Ann Taylor - 11:00 Pat Francek

NVC Practice Group - YR
- 6:30

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

Wed Oct 10

Domestic Violence Task
Force - EW - 12:30

Domestic Violence Task
Force - Sanctuary - 6:00

Buddhist Practice Group -
MH - 7:00

Eliminating Racism - EW
- 7:30

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

Thurs Oct 11

Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Men's/Women's Choir -
7:45

Fri Oct 12

CAMP JEWELL

Sat Oct 13

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Pastoral Care Associates
- MH - 1:00

Voices Cafe - Sanctuary -
8:00

Sun Oct 14

Meditation - Elm Room -
10:45

Build Your Own Theology
- EW - 12:30

TUCWomen Brown Bag
Lunch - MH - 12:30

Mon Oct 15

Bell Choir - 6:45

Interim Minister
Committee - Lib - 7:00

Grief Support Group -

Sunday, September 30, 2018



"Amazing Grace" - Intern Minister Margalie Belizaire

A BETTER MAN
 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT 7:00PM
 THE UNITARIAN CHURCH IN WESTPORT
 10 LYONS PLAINS ROAD, WESTPORT

**A BETTER MAN IS AN INSPIRATIONAL DEPICTION
 OF RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AS A FORMER COUPLE,
 20 YEARS LATER,
 REVISIT THEIR
 ABUSIVE
 PAST.**

WESTPORT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE

During the two years they lived together, Steve abused Attiya on a daily basis. Now 20 years later, Attiya has asked Steve to meet. She wants to know if he will finally take responsibility for his violent actions.

Following a series of intimate conversations between the former couple, **A Better Man** offers an illuminating new paradigm for domestic-violence prevention, offering a fresh and nuanced look at the healing and revelation that can happen for everyone involved when men take responsibility for their abuse. It also empowers audience members to play new roles in challenging domestic violence, whether it's in their own relationships or as part of a broader movement for social change.

Build Your Own Theology starting October 7th at 12:30 in the East Wing

From Rev John ~ "Starting Sunday October 7th after the second service for six weeks I will be leading the classic course *Building Your Own Theology* but with a twist; I don't intend this to be the end product of our course but the beginning. We will each build a theology and then, if you are willing, I will invite you to participate in a new course, being developed for publication by Meadville Lombard Theological School, taken from my doctoral thesis "Creating Theology Together" (publication anticipated Spring 2019). I invite you on this two part journey with me. Join us for BYOT as it is fondly known and then take what you have learned and lets Create Theology Together."



Registration is limited to sixteen adults. Please email Rev. John at RevJohn@uuwestport.org should you like to be a part of this journey.

Voices Café Opens its 8th season with Bettman & Halpin



Stephanie Bettman, songwriter, singer, and fiddler and Luke Halpin, a renowned multi-instrumentalist on guitar, fiddle, banjo, and mandolin play original Folk/Americana and have a well-earned reputation for hypnotizing performances filled with irresistible lyrics, transcendent harmonies and roof-raising instrumentals.

Their concerts combine high-energy upbeat bluegrass/roots inspired compositions, beautiful ballads with soaring vocals and heartfelt lyrics, and unforgettable groovy feel-good songs that will be singing in your head for weeks thereafter.

Listen to them here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9idj6KuNRk>

Purchase tickets here: <https://voicescafe.org/show/bettman-halpin/>

Listen to them here:

Rev. John's office - 7:00

O&A - 7:45

Tues Oct 16

BOT - EW - 7:00

Wed Oct 17

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

Chamber Choir - 7:45

Thurs Oct 18

Children's Choir - 5:00

Finance Committee - FR - 6:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Men's/Women's Choir - 7:45

Fri Oct 19

Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

Sat Oct 20

A Better Man - MH - 8:00

Small Group Facilitators - 10:00

Sun Oct 21

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

OWL Parents - YR - 10:15

OWL - OWL Room - 10:30

6th-7th Grade "Reflect" - MH - 11:00

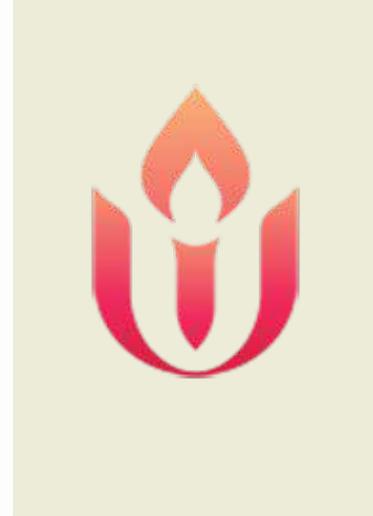
Youth Group (9th-12th) - YR - 11:00

Build Your Own Theology - EW - 12:30

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

Our Children, Our Future

Can you give an hour each week to a young student struggling with her math or learning how to read? Or perhaps, you would enjoy reading a beautiful picture book to a class once a week? The Beardsley School still needs people like you. To learn more about this opportunity for service please stop by the Beardsley Board table in the lobby this Sunday after both services.



If you only have one day to spare this fall, please sign up for the Beardsley Read Aloud Day on October 18. Forms will be at the Beardsley Board table after both services.

Contact Linda Brewster - lbrewste@optonline.net

Diaper Collection for the Mercy Learning Center: Sizes 4, 5 & 6 are needed



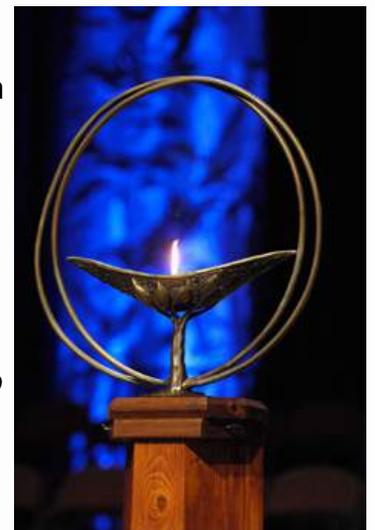
Diapers. A luxury item? One would think not but for 1 in 3 families in the US that is the case. Nearly half of all children under 6 in the United States are living in low-income households. For these families, the cost of diapers can be prohibitive. A Feeding America survey found 48 percent of food bank clients who used diapers would delay changing a diaper to make their supply last longer, and 32 percent would try to reuse a disposable diaper.

A lack of clean diapers leaves babies at risk of developing diaper dermatitis, skin breakdown, open sores susceptible to infections, and urinary tract infections, all of which are preventable with an adequate supply of fresh diapers.

Beginning this Sunday, September 23, 2018, and going forward we will be collecting diapers for the Mercy Learning Center at the social justice table in the foyer. Diaper sizes 4, 5 & 6 are needed.

Your COM wants to know!

The Committee on Ministries ensures the fulfillment of our congregation's mission and vision to *Inspire, Connect, and Act*. As the input of the people who make up our congregation is essential to our charge, we want to hear from you. We kicked off the new year with you at the EXPO by asking for your thoughts on being of service, and we heard so many valuable comments that we want to hear more. We will have a table in the foyer the third Sunday of each month to answer your questions and listen to your feedback and ideas. To help make this easy for everyone, we will have a question of the month... and a little treat. This month's questions are: *What is sanctuary to you? How has TUCW provided sanctuary to you, and how have you provided sanctuary?* Our next COM table discussion is happening on October 21st after each service. Please stop by to talk with a member of your COM.



#MeToo Sacred Circles for Healing



Hardly a day goes by that we do not hear about yet another instance of sexual harassment, abuse or assault - but the ongoing confirmation process for Judge Kavanaugh has been nearly overwhelming. No matter what ultimately happens to Brett Kavanaugh and the women who accuse the Supreme Court nominee of sexual misconduct, the Senate hearing on the allegations will offer a historic test of the #MeToo movement. While we have witnessed the removal of men like Harvey Weinstein, Al Franken, Matt Laurer and Charlie Rose, our congregation's response to #MeToo is also about believing survivors and offering safe places for speaking out and healing. The treatment of Kavanaugh's accusers raises questions about whether these parts of the mission of the larger movement will remain largely unfulfilled.

In passing the Resolution last June, we affirmed a commitment to responding effectively to sexual harassment, abuse and assault within our walls and in our communities and to reach out both within our denomination and to other communities of faith to invite partnership in addressing #MeToo issues. This month our congregation, in partnership with the Saugatuck Congregational Church, will be offering #MeToo Interfaith Sacred Circles for Healing.

Please check out the [attached flyer](#) and if you, or someone you know might like to participate in these inaugural sessions, e-mail metoo@uwestport.org or call Lynda for more information and register to attend.

*Lynda Shannon Bluestein, MPH
Chair, #MeToo Team*



**There will be a memorial service on Monday, October 15 at 4:00 PM for
Jim and Jaydee Perry hosted by Jaydee's son, Eric Fox.
Reception to follow the service.**



The Small Group Ministry has 104 members in 9 groups that meet once a month to discuss a topic. The topic for October is "Sanctuary."

"Our sanctuaries don't just help us heal from our journeys; they also strengthen us for the new journeys ahead."

Groups meet on different days and at different locations. Join a group near you!
For information, talk to a representative in the foyer after the service or contact Steven Rosenberg - Rosen323@aol.com.



TUCWOMEN

Come to a Brown Bag Lunch.

Sunday, October 14, 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 --> <https://goo.gl/forms/2RA8gtacLPeR2Xre2>

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



Come to a Potluck.



Friday, October 19th, 6:30 PM at the home of
Maria Mendoza-Smith in New Canaan

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

All women are invited.

RSVP to Sudha Sankar - sudhasanka100@yahoo.com

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

Your donations will be someone else's treasure!

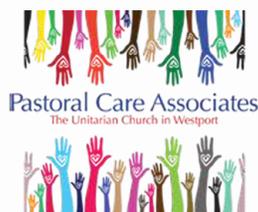
**The Holiday Jewelry Boutique is coming
the first two Sundays in December.**

Bring your donations of jewelry and scarves to the church.

Do you have broken gold and silver jewelry?
Donate that too. We will turn it into cash for the Church.

Be sure to label your box or bag with your name so that we can
send you a tax receipt.

Questions to Sharon - sharon@slpoole.com



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.

[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.

UPCOMING SERVICES

October 14, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM - Rev. John Morehouse
"Finding Sanctuary in the Arms of Our Angels"

October 21, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM - Rev. John Morehouse
"Crossing Borders, Finding Home"

October 28, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM - Intern Minister, Margalie Belizaire
Intern Minister, Margalie Belizaire, will preach.

November 4, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM - Rev. John Morehouse
"In Memory of Them" - Rev. John Morehouse



LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

THIS WEEK INFORMATION for (Pre-K to 5)



Topic: Sanctuary

UU Principal #7: We care for our planet, the home we share (and sanctuary we share) and all living things (especially our pets).

Please start off by keeping your children with you in the sanctuary. As a family, experience this mornings "Blessing of the Animals"

PreK-3rd:

*** 9:00 am and 11:00 am**

LOWER LEVEL - Pine Room only Sunday, October 7.

Families Please pick up children after service ends 😊 Then together get that snack & cup of



then,



[CLICK HERE](#) for Pre-K-5 FAMILY "take-home" for SUNDAY, October 7, 2018.

4th and 5th signup genius

We are still in need of volunteers to teach LFD for 4th and 5th graders at 11:00 am for some Sundays.

Please feel free to sign up here at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054ea8a923a02-45th2>

or call Sandra Clements 203-216-7708 cell/text



- * 10/21- need one volunteer
- * 11/4 - need one volunteer
- * 11/11 - need **two** volunteers
- * 12/2 - need one volunteer
- * 12/16 - need one volunteer
- * 1/16 - need one volunteer
- * 1/13 - need one volunteer
- * 2/3 - need one volunteer
- * 3/3 - need one volunteer
- * 3/24 - need **two** volunteers
- * 4/24 - need **two** volunteers



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



SOME DATES:

- * **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.