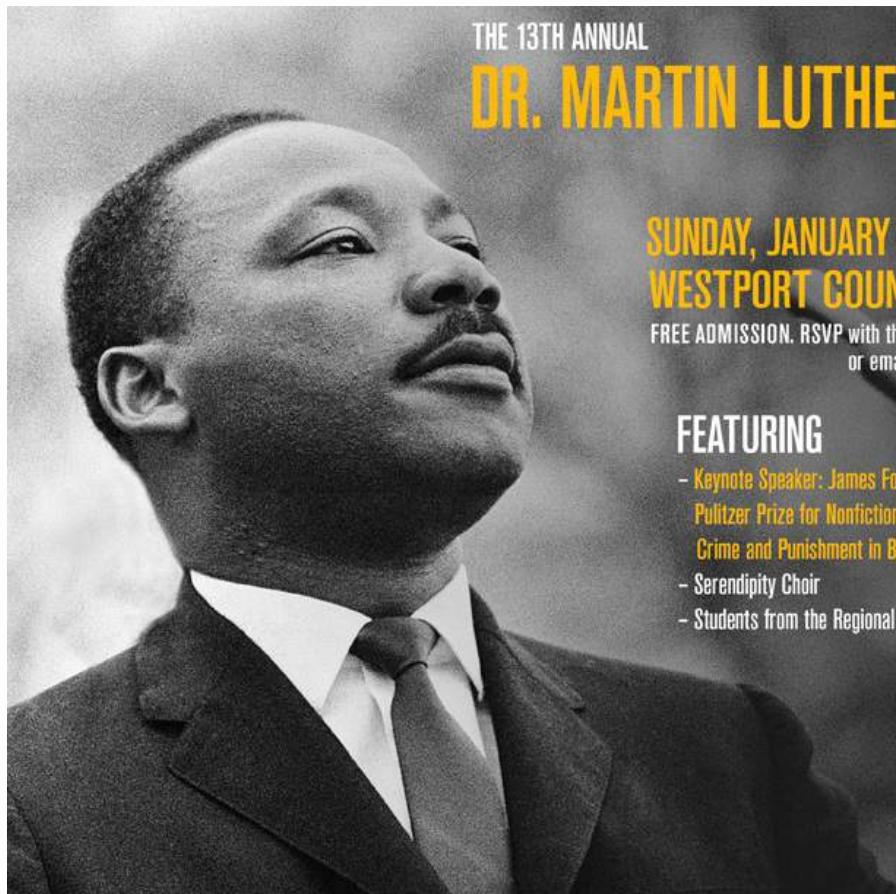




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THE 13TH ANNUAL
**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
CELEBRATION**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20th, 2019 at 3PM
WESTPORT COUNTRY PLAYHOUSE**

FREE ADMISSION. RSVP with the Box Office at (203) 227-4177
or email rsvp@westportplayhouse.org

FEATURING

- Keynote Speaker: James Forman Jr., Winner of the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Nonfiction for "Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America"
- Serendipity Choir
- Students from the Regional Center for the Arts

Childcare and activities will be provided by
The Westport/Weston Family YMCA

Co-sponsored by The Westport Library,
Westport Country Playhouse, TEAM Westport,
Westport/Weston Interfaith Council,
and the Westport/Weston Interfaith Clergy

**WESTPORT
COUNTRY
PLAYHOUSE**

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.



Fri Jan 11
Shawl Ministry - MH -
12:30

Sat Jan 12
Sight Singing -
Sanctuary - 9:30

Voice Classes -
Sanctuary - 11:15

Pastoral Care
Chaplains - MH - 1:00

Sun Jan 13
OWL - OWL Room -
10:00

SUNDAY SERVICE - JANUARY 13, 2019 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM



Building Possibilities - Rev. John Morehouse

Using our beautiful building as a metaphor, Rev. John will explore how we might change our lives and our world.

Worship Associate: Jamie Forbes

Pastoral Care Chaplain:

9:00 Chuck Harrington - 11:00 Pat Francek

Music: Once & Again Singers

OWL Parents - YR - 10:00

Meditation - Chapel - 10:15

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

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

Harvest the Power - EW - 12:30

TUCWomen Brown Bag Lunch - MH - 12:30

Mon Jan 14
NVC Practice Group - FR - 6:30

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 6:30

Bell Choir - 6:45

Tues Jan 15
BOT - EW - 7:00

Men's Choir - 8:00

Wed Jan 16
Stewardship Committee - FR - 7:00

Eliminating Racism - EW - 7:30

Chamber Choir - 7:45

Thurs Jan 17
Children's Choir - 5:00

Finance Committee - FR - 6:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

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

Sat Jan 19
A Better Man - MH - 8:00

Tracy Grammer & Jim Henry

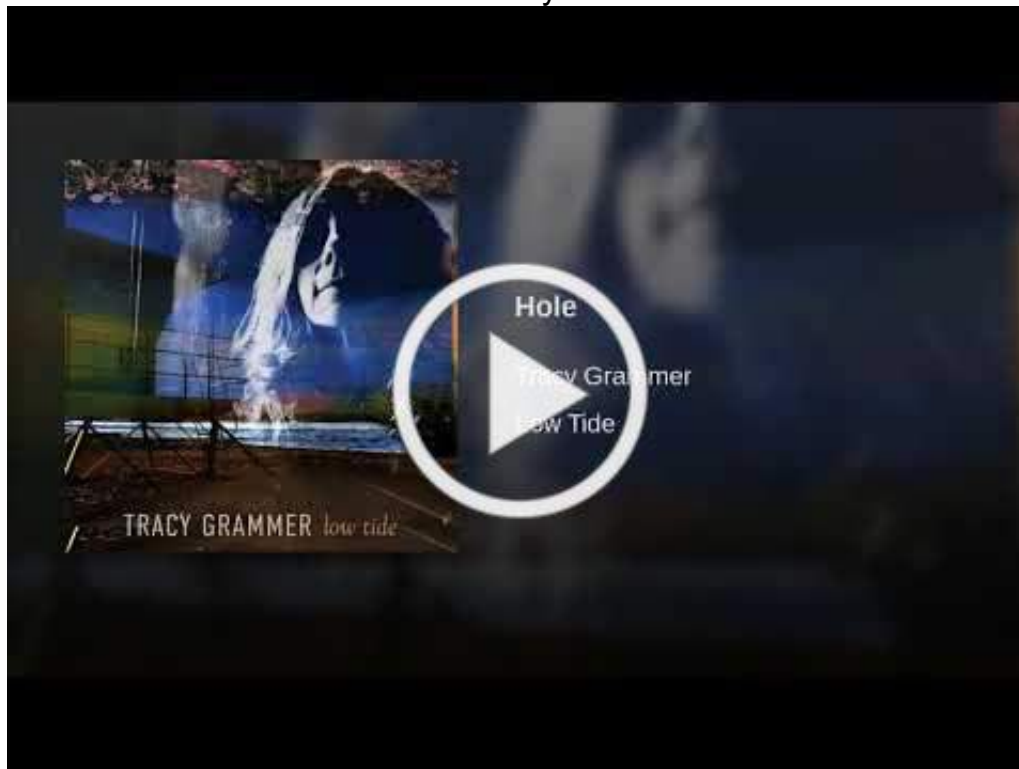
Voices Café ~ Saturday, January 26 at 8:00 pm

TRACY GRAMMER is one of contemporary folk music's most beloved artists. Renowned for her spring water-clear alto, perfectly intoned violin, and guitar playing that is by turns percussive and delicate, Grammer is also a gifted storyteller whose incantations add a rare mixture of vulnerability, intimacy, and hard-won insight to her performances. As one fan puts it, "With Tracy, it's never just about the music; it's a soul journey."



Jim Henry has a well established reputation as a terrific musician who can play just about anything with strings as well as sing lead, harmony, and write great songs and arrangements.

Listen to Tracy and Jim:



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Purchase tickets - <https://voicescafe.org/show/tracey-grammer-jim-henry/>

**Please join the Leadership Development Team in congratulating
CECELIA MCELROY, recipient of January's Leading Lights Award.**



In addition to her leadership role in the Youth Group, Cecelia was part of the Assistant Ministerial Search Committee, is a trained chaplain and teaches chaplain training to other youth. She is the Co-Dean of the Metro NY district, Co-Dean of the Central East Region Group, member of the Metro Youth Committee, and Co-Chair of the Metro Youth Adult Committee. For her tremendous service to the youth and adults at TUCW and the wider UU community, Cecelia is truly a Leading Light in our congregation.

Leadership Training

Join Rev. John for an engaging series of classes designed to enrich your leadership development skills as you continue through your UU faith journey. Based on the UUA's **Harvest the Power** leadership development program, the series equally benefits both new and experienced leaders.

This year's 12 sessions will run from January

- March 2019, on Sundays from 12:00-2:30, and will be divided into 3 modules:

Identity, Purpose and Path. Modules run in 4 consecutive sessions each.

Participation in all 3 modules is encouraged, but not required. If interested, please contact the Leadership Development Team at ldt@uwestport.org.



[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

VOICE CLASSES with Marcella Calabi

I  **Singing**

The schedule is:

JANUARY 5, 12, 19, 26, FEBRUARY. 2, 9.

These are Saturday mornings from 11:15 to 1:00.

The cost per class is \$25 (auditors \$15). To sign up, please send an email to Ed Thompson - Ed@uwestport.org or send an email to Marcella Calabi - mc@clarityworks.net

Please contact [Ed Thompson](mailto:Ed@uwestport.org) or [Marcella Calabi](mailto:mc@clarityworks.net) for questions.concerns.

Sight Singing -
Sanctuary - 9:30

Small Group
Facilitators - MH -
10:00

Voice Classes -
Sanctuary - 11:15

Sun Jan 20
8th Grade OWL - OWL
Room - 10:30

8th Grade OWL
Parents - YR - 10:15

Meditation - Elm Room
- 10:15

Coffee and
Conversation - FR -
12:15

ARM Presentation -
Sanctuary - 12:30

Harvest the Power -
EW - 12:30

Mon Jan 21
Buddhist Practice
Group - MH - 6:30

Bell Choir - 6:45

Intern Minister
Committee - Lib - 7:00

O&A - 7:45

Tues Jan 22
Facilities Advisory
Team - Rev. John's
office - 6:00

Ethical Food Ministry -
EW - 7:00

4th/5th Grade OWL
Parent Info Session -
MH - 7:00

Men's Choir - 8:00

Wed Jan 23

Come Hike in the Woods With Us

Jennifer Boland (203-241-0696) will be leading the next hike, on Saturday, January 12th at 10 am - We'll be hiking the Pequonnock River Valley Wildlife Area, a state park where dogs are welcome! Meet at the commuter parking lot on Park Street in Trumbull (It is where you get off 25 at the Daniels Farm exit): <https://bit.ly/2RtVqWA>

A trail map is available at <http://vizettes.com/pequonnockvalley/maps/index.htm>



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

Thurs Jan 24
Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Amnesty International -
EW - 7:00

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

Fri Jan 25
Shawl Ministry - MH -
12:30

UU Movie Discussion-
MH - 7:30

Sat Jan 26
#MeToo Council - EW -
9:00

Sight Singing -
Sanctuary - 9:30

Voice Classes -
Sanctuary - 11:15

Voices Cafe -
Sanctuary - 8:00

Sun Jan 27
4th/5th OWL
Parent/Child
Orientation - 9:00

6th-7th Grade "Reflect"
- MH - 10:00

8th Grade OWL - OWL
Room - 10:00

8th Grade OWL Parents
- YR - 10:00

Meditation - Chapel -
10:15

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

Climate Change
Conversation -
Sanctuary - 12:30



TUCWomen

Chase away the winter chill at our next potluck at the home of Laurel Carey in Ridgefield on Friday, January 25th, 6:30 PM. Bring something to share, or just come - there is always plenty. RSVP to Laurel at laurelcare@aol.com.

Our next Quotable Women Brown Bag Lunch is this Sunday, January 13th after the 11:00 AM service in the Meeting House. Our Guide will be Pat Francek who will use a quote from Gunilla Norris to lead a conversation about the power of silence within us. Plan to come and savor the wisdom and compassion of the women of our Church Community.

Are you receiving TUCWomen email notices?
If not or if you are not sure sign up here -->
[Add me to the list!](#)

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



CABARET - SAVE THE DATE

FEBRUARY 9th. Make it dinner and a show! We are excited to announce that the Food Ministry is sponsoring the second annual Vegantine's Day Dinner just before the Cabaret at 8:00 pm. As usual, it will be a BYO drink/snack/dessert at the Cabaret itself for those who do not wish to attend the dinner. More details next week.

Most importantly, if you are thinking about singing a song, reciting a poem, or telling a joke, now is the time to plan ahead and be sure to be in touch with [Ed Thompson](#) so he can put your name on the list of performers.

Harvest the Power -
EW - 12:30

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



CHORAL CHAMELEON

Choral Chameleon - February 23, 7:30 pm, in our sanctuary

On Saturday, February 23rd, Choral Chameleon, a choir from New York, will be here to sing a concert. One of the things that makes this group unique and exciting is that the styles and genres are constantly changing. Vincent Peterson, the music director, has just received the coveted Lois Botto Award from Chorus America because of his adventuresome programming and entrepreneurial skills. His ensemble of singers reflects the vitality of Vincent's vision for choral music in the way that they approach their audience. More on this later.



NOCTURNAL EMISSIONS TOPIC AT UPCOMING DARWIN DAY DINNER

What is the reason for the sparks and brief glints of light which are seen in Long Island Sound? What caused the ocean to glow, as Christopher Columbus documented in 1492, just before his historic landfall in the Americas? How did they originate? What purpose did they serve? Answers to these and other

questions will be revealed by Dr. Mark Siddall, speaking on "Nocturnal Emissions: Bioluminescence as a Survival Strategy" at the **11th annual Darwin Day Dinner, being held Saturday evening February 16 at the Italian Center in Stamford**. The invitation and information may be found at darwindayct.org

The annual Southern Connecticut Darwin Day Dinner has grown in attendance since its initial 2009 debut, occasioning the need for ever grander banquet halls. The event includes a cocktail hour at 6:00 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, science quiz (with prizes!), and renowned speaker.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information. [CLICK HERE](#) for flyer.

Meditation is led by Janet Luongo and others from 10:15 to 10:45 every Sunday in the Children's Chapel/Maple Room) by the downstairs entrance. We center on our inner light and sense our inter-connectedness with all, using a variety of traditions from mindfulness and music to yoga and Zen.



For more information, contact Janet Luongo - jluongo3@optonline.net



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

January 20, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Building Possibilities - - Rev. John Morehouse



LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019



THIS WEEK INFORMATION for (Pre-K to 5)

Topic: Impossible Possibilities

Theme: Possibility

UU Principal Source #5: The use of reason and the discoveries Science

Pre-K- 1st grade

9:00-10:00 am and 11:00 am-12:00 pm service

LOWER LEVEL - Pine Room

2nd-3rd grade

11:00 am-12:00 pm service

LOWER LEVEL - Oak Room

4th-5th grade

11:00 am-12:00 pm service

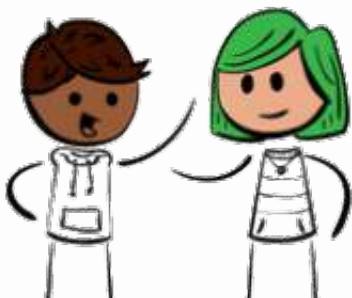
LOWER LEVEL - Birch Room

[CLICK HERE](#) for PreK-5 FAMILY "take-home" for SUNDAY,
JANUARY 13, 2019



• Families please pick up your children after
the service ends 😊

Together get that snack, juice & cup of coffee.



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





We still need:

- * 2/10 need (1) volunteer
 - * 3/24 need one (1) volunteer
 - * 4/21 need two (2) Easter Sunday volunteers from 11:30-12:00
- Please sign up here at
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054ea8a923a02-45th2>
 or call [Saundra Clements](mailto:Saundra.Clements) 203-216-7708 cell/text

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!

4th/5th grade OWL - January-April 2019
 Please contact Jen Boland: jenboland24@gmail.com
 or Jason Sandler: sandman933@gmail.com

The 4th/5th grade Owl Program is just a few weeks away!

Here is a message from Jason Sandler, one of the leaders:
Some of you have already reached out to indicate interest and I have you down. Another email will come next week indicating that I have you as interested - otherwise if you are not sure if you have contacted me or want to reach out, then you can contact [myself](#) or Jen Boland (or drop by Saundra Clements office Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday/Sunday) to let us know you are interested.



Here is the 4th/5th grade OWL schedule:

- * Tuesday January 22nd - 7:00 pm Parent Info Session (optional)
- * Sunday January 27th - 9:00 am-1130 am Mandatory Parent/Child Orientation
- * Sessions 1-10 occur weekly on Sundays, 11:00-12:15, from February 3rd through April 7th

YOUTH GROUP

 **Our regular Youth Group meeting will still take place at 11:00 am on Sunday, January 13.**

Rev. Shelly will be taking 4 members of our Youth Group to a Central East Region Metro New York Youth Con at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, NY, Friday through Sunday morning. DJ and Jessie Flam, Alexandra Ludlow, and Cecelia McElroy will be representing the congregation. We are looking forward to a fun-filled weekend. Participation in the wider UUA community is a great way to make new friends, learn and grow together, and keep the flame of Unitarian Universalism burning bright.



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



SOME DATES:

- * 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.