

Print-out of eSoundings email from February 25, 2017

The logo features a stylized teal flame or leaf symbol on the left, composed of horizontal lines. To its right, the text "The Unitarian Church in Westport" is written in a teal sans-serif font, with "in Westport" in a smaller size. Below this, the word "eSoundings" is written in a larger, bold, dark teal sans-serif font.

# The Unitarian Church in Westport eSoundings

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## INTRO TO ISLAM 12:30-2:00 pm - East Wing



Come meet our neighbor Imam Nasif Muhammad, from the Al-Aziz Islamic Center in Bridgeport

February 26, 2017 Adult Program (and Teens welcome)

[Sign up HERE](#) or RSVP to [Mary Collins](#), Director of Lifespan Faith Development.

PLEASE Note in RSVP if you need of Child care - Which will be available in the Oak Room. Please bring food for your child(ren) when you drop off with staff (in blue shirts).

## 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](#) to arrange child care.*

### Sat. Feb 25

Circle 10 Potluck - MH - 4:00

### Sun. Feb 26

Career Transitions Support Group - YR - 9:30

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15 & 12:30

Intro to Islam - EW - 12:30

Facing The Future Support Group - YR - 12:30

**SUNDAY SERVICE - FEBRUARY 26, 2017**  
**- 9:00 & 11:00 AM**

**"Sweeten the Milk"**  
**- Rev. Vanessa Southern and**  
**Rev. John Morehouse**

For the last 18 months Vanessa has lived in Mumbai, India, and she has been struck by the complicated layers of identity there. What lessons we might take from the best of how India lives with difference? What pieces of a national ethic might we need to claim/reclaim as we enter this current tumultuous chapter of our own American history. Vanessa Rush Southern is the author of "This Piece of Eden" and more recently "Miles of Dream" (both Skinner House books). She has served UU congregations in Boston, Washington DC, Cherry Hill and Summit, New Jersey. She currently lives in Mumbai with her family.



**Worship Associate:** Doug Flam

**Pastoral Care Chaplain:** 9:00 Kristi Hardin  
11:00 Berta Russell

**Music:** Once & Again Folksingers at both services



**Our Annual Budget Drive is coming in April.**

Rev. John invites anyone interested in being a visiting steward to a training on Saturday March 11th from 9:00-2:00. In this training participants will be taught the fundamentals of fundraising and learn how to engage fellow congregants in why this church matters. Breakfast and lunch served. Join the team! Contact Rev. John. [-revjohn@uuwestport.org](mailto:revjohn@uuwestport.org).

Youth Group Meeting - YR  
- 6:00

**Mon Feb 27**

Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

NVC Practice - Lib - 7:00

**Tues. Feb 28**

Men's Choir - 8:00

**Wed. Mar 1**

Stewardship - FR - 7:15

Chamber Choir - 7:45

**Thurs. Mar 2**

Youth Choir - 5:00

Parent Group Meeting - Lib  
- 5:30

Teen Choir - 6:00

Women's Choir - 7:45

**Sat. Mar 4**

Newcomer Orientation -  
EW - 9:00

SP Choir sectionals -  
Sanctuary - 9:00

Inspiration Committee -  
Library - 10:00

**Sun. March 5**

SGM Demonstration - Lib -  
10:115 & 12:15

Meditation - Elm Room -  
10:15 & 12:45

Youth Forum on Social  
Justice - Chapel - 12:30

Book Discussion Islam -  
EW - 12:30

Immigration & Refugee

**LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

*K & up start in the Sanctuary for the beginning of the service, then proceed to group*

**At 9:00 & 11:00 am**

**Nursery/ Pre-K:** Encountering Others and using Principles 1 & 2 - *WILLOW Room*

**K -3 gr:** Ruth & Naomi - Loyalty, Immigration (UU Source: Jewish & Christian teachings) - *PINE Room*

"Out whining. It's the same distance."



**At 11:00 am only**

**4-5 gr:** Making Cents of Privilege (Principles 1 & 6) - *BIRCH Room*

**6-7 gr:** Conclusion of Christianity (UU

Source: World Religions) - *CHAPEL*

**At 6:00-8:00 pm**

**9-12 gr: YOUTH GROUP** - Planning topics through the end of the year - bring your calendars (dates of tests, prom, spring vacations etc - *MEETING HOUSE- ground level*

**NEXT WEEK - March 5 - 12:30 pm - CHAPEL** - Youth Forum for: High School Youth, Parents, and other Adults active in Social Action  
Please come for discerning area(s) of long term social action commitment for youth programming.



**[CLICK HERE](#) for DETAILS & TAKE-IT-HOME ideas for Pre-K, K-3, 4-5, 6-7 groups for February 26, 2017.**

Committee - Sanctuary - 12:30

Youth Group Meeting - YR - 6:00

**Mon March 6**

Bell Choir - East Wing - 6:45

O&AF - 7:45

**Tues. March 7**

LFD Council - FR - 7:00

Men's Choir - 8:00

**Wed. March 8**

Domestic Violence Task Force - EW - 12:30

COM - MH - 7:30

**Thurs. March 9**

Memorial Service - Lawrence Waterbury 3:00

Youth Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Women's Choir - 7:45

**Fri. March 10**

Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

Gr. 6-7 & adults visit Al-Aziz Islamic Center - 1:00

**Sat. Mar 11**

Stewardship Training - MH - 9:00

Pastoral care Associates - YR - 1:00

Voices Cafe - Sanctuary - 8:00



**ADULT PROGRAMS (ADULT or multi-age - 8th grade youth and up are welcome)**

For Sunday afternoon Adult programs  
Childcare will be available upon request  
(ideally in advance, so we can confirm two

people when needed) Contact: [Rayquiner Hills](#), Lifespan  
Faith Development Coordinator

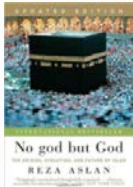
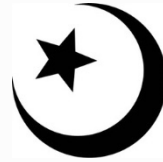
**SUNDAY, February 26:**

\* see "Intro to Islam" session in listed  
above

**Meditation sessions**

\* 10:15-10:45 am - Meditation with Janet Luongo - ELM  
Room - RSVP to [Jluongo3@optonline.net](mailto:Jluongo3@optonline.net)

\* 12:30 -2:00 pm - Meditation with Nina Nagy - ELM  
Room - RSVP to - [ninazcara@gmail.com](mailto:ninazcara@gmail.com)



**UPCOMING: BOOK DISCUSSION**

**No god but God: The origins, evolution and  
future of Islam** by Reza Aslan

Find online <https://www.amazon.com/No-god-but-God-Evolution/dp/1400062136>

Or ask at your local library. It's a FINALIST FOR THE  
GUARDIAN FIRST BOOK AWARD

Bruce McNair suggested this book which helped him to  
understand more about this important religion and world  
affairs.

[RSVP HERE](#) if you plan to attend the discussion (it's  
okay to attend if you don't finish the book)

[CLICK HERE](#) for LINKS to LIFESPAN FAITH  
DEVELOPMENT LINKS FOR ADULTS &  
OLDER YOUTH "at home" or "on the go"



For

**FEBRUARY 2017 THEME: IDENTITY** this week

include:

*Families and friends, might enjoys this Weekly Spiritual  
Exercise: The Artist Who Helped You Find You, Three  
movie suggestions to choose from, YouTube videos, a  
song, and you know it would be fun to find your "Animal  
Spirit" identity.*

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

In the event of severe weather,  
the following are ways that you can  
get information on whether the  
church will cancel activities:

\* Check your email - Group leaders  
will email with a cancellation notice

\* Check

our [www.uuwestport.org](http://www.uuwestport.org) website

\* Check the [UU Westport](#)

[Facebook page](#)

\* Watch Channel 8 or Channel 12  
(Cablevision) on your television.

Please do not call the office. Above  
all else, do not venture out if you do  
not feel it is safe to do so. Your  
safety is our primary concern.



**Beginning April 5th, our local Unitarian Universalist Buddhist Fellowship chapter ([uubf.org](http://uubf.org)) will revive itself as the Zazen Sangha of Westport.** We will gather in the meeting house each 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:45 for meditation and chanting in the Soto tradition, followed by tea and discussion. All are welcome, and please bring a zafu if you have one! Contact [Brian LaVoie](#) with questions at [203-641-5082](tel:203-641-5082).

### **Call for Candidates for the 2017 Annual Meeting**

The 2017 Annual Meeting of The Unitarian Church in Westport will be held on June 11, 2017.



Part of the business to be conducted at our Annual Meeting is election of members to the Board of Trustees, Endowment Committee, Committee On Ministries, and Nominating and Leadership Development Committee.

Our Constitution allows for two ways for nominations to these committees to occur:

[READ MORE HERE.](#)

### **New England Regional Assembly - April 21-22, 2017**

#### **New England Region**

New England Regional staff encourages our congregations to take a deep interest in each other; to consider best practices together; to model spiritual leadership with one another; and to share their stories of doubt, risk and transformation. By cultivating connections among our congregations, we seek to inspire new and innovative models of doing church and coach existing congregations to a deeper and a wider practice of faith, hope and love.

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

## **UPCOMING SERVICES**

**Sunday, March 5, 2017 - "Taking Risks"  
- Rev. John Morehouse**

**Sunday, March 12, 2017 - "There Be Dragons" - Lara Fuchs**

**Sunday, March 19, 2017 - "How to Be a Loving Universalist" - Rev. John Morehouse**

**Monday, March 20, 2017 - Spring Equinox - Special Service - Lara Fuchs**

**Sunday, March 26, 2017 - 9:00 AM  
"O, Brave New World" or, How Shakespeare Saved my Life  
- Connie Rockman and Rev. Dr. Ed Thompson**

**Sunday, March 26, 2017 - 11:00 AM - Spring Music Concert  
- Music inspired by Shakespeare's plays**



**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](tel:203-227-7205)) or email - [pca@uuwestport.org](mailto:pca@uuwestport.org).

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about our Pastoral Care Associates.

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.