



The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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Two weeks to go and we're almost half-way to our pledge target of \$650,000 for the annual budget. Reflecting our theme of Better Together, our goal is 100% participation of people who consider themselves part of this Unitarian Church community. Whether you are a member or not, if you think of this as your faith community then make a pledge this Sunday and bring us on home!

SUNDAY SERVICES - March 25, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM

"Jesus Wept and Buddha Laughed"
- Rev. John Morehouse

In celebration of Palm Sunday and our leadership, Rev. John will explore the balance of emotions to leading a spiritual life.

Worship Associate: Jamie Forbes

Pastoral Care Chaplain: 9:00 Shari Brennan; 11:00 Jim Francek



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:MaryCollins@uuwestport.org) to arrange child care.



Fri March 23

Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

Friday Night @ the Movies - MH - 6:00

An American Daughter - Play - Sanctuary - 8:00

Sat March 24

Midnight Run - MH - 3:00

An American Daughter -

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



Family Ministry Night: SIGN UP RSVP LINK

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/904054EA8A923A02-family

This event is for the Congregational Family as well as Families with their children/teens

DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 3rd

TIME: 6:30-7:30 pm POTLUCK & FELLOWSHIP

7:30- 8:00 pm WORSHIP Theme: Emergence

And Upcoming First Tuesday Family Ministry: May 1st - 7:00-8:00 pm



Better Together #3



Elena & Michael Testimonial

Play - Sanctuary - 8:00

Sun March 25

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

COA - 11:00

Youth Group (10th-12th) - YR - 11:00

6th-7th Graders - MH - 11:00

Synergy Meeting - FR - 12:00

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

An American Daughter - Play - Sanctuary - 3:00

Mon March 26

Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

NVC Practice Group - Lib - 7:00

Tues March 27

Facilities Advisory Team - FR - 6:30

Men's Choir - 8:00

Wed March 28

Stewardship Meeting - FR - 7:00

Amnesty Inter'l. - EW - 7:00

Eliminating Racism - Lib - 7:30

Thurs March 29

Youth Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Leadership Academy - EW - 7:00

Maundy Thursday service

We're going to Hartford on Saturday, March 24 to show up for safe, sane, sensible gun laws. We're going to support March for Our Lives. And we have a bus! Will you be on it?

- * 10:30 am depart TUCW
- * 12:30-1:00 march to the State Capitol
- * 1:00 Rally on the Capitol steps
- * 5:30 back at TUCW

Bus fare is \$30 and you can reserve/pay for your ticket after Sunday services at the March 24 Rally table in the foyer or through David Vita.

March For Our Lives is created by, inspired by, and led by students across the country who will no longer risk their lives waiting for someone else to take action to stop the epidemic of mass school shootings that has become all too familiar.



- Chapel - 7:00

Women's Choir - 7:45

Fri March 30

Social Justice - EW - 4:00

UU Movie Discussion - MH - 7:30

Sat March 31

Social Justice - EW - 9:00

Preachers' Workshop - 10:00

Sun April 1

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

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

Mon April 2

Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

O&AF - 7:45

Tues April 3

Family Ministry Night (Pot Luck) - EW - 6:30

Men's Choir - 8:00

Wed April 4

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

Chamber Choir - 7:45

Thurs April 5

Youth Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Women's Choir - 7:45

Fri April 6

Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

Friday Night @ the Movies - MH - 6:00

Youth Group Food Drive - Sunday, March 25 - 1:00-3:00 pm at Westport Stop & Shop



The Youth Group is hosting a food drive to support the Connecticut Food Bank this Sunday, March 25th from 1:00-3:00 pm at the Westport Stop & Shop. All youth are welcome and encouraged to join. Cindy Potter can drive up to 3 youth from YG to the Westport Stop & Shop - please contact Cindy (potter.cynthia@gmail.com) or have your youth contact Katrina to coordinate; please coordinate rides home with your youth as hopefully Cindy's car will be full of food to be brought to the food bank!

Last month we collected 216 pounds of food at the Wilton Stop & Shop - let's try and outdo that this month!

TUCWOMEN'S POT LUCK Friday March 23

Will it ever be spring? Yes! Come share the promise of flowers and warm days at the TUCWomen's Pot Luck, 6:30 pm, Friday March 23.

Let's gather to share a meal and the good company of women of our congregation.

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Home of Mary Beth Mollica - 3 Riverfield Drive, Westport

Please RSVP to Sudha - sudhasankar100@yahoo.com

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**"Healing Journaling for Women" - Sunday March 25 at 12:45 PM
Meeting House Youth Room, bottom level.**



TUCWomen is offering a journaling method of using original images to prompt writing a story. In a safe environment, Felicia Keeton will lead exercises to open the heart, release stuck emotions and encourage free expression and healing connections with other women. Women

may write and share, or may remain silent. Materials are provided or bring your own journal. All women are welcome.

But How Can They Even Think That!?

Saturday, April 7 from 9:00-1:00

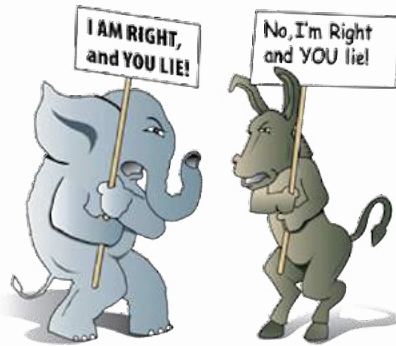
[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up or email [David Vita](#) or call 203.227.7205 x14

This workshop offers a fresh look at how to deal with conflict and disagreement, and the pain they cause. It's for activists, change agents, and anyone who is troubled by unsolvable differences of opinion.

Never mind what polarization is doing to our country – what is it doing to your ulcers? Intractable disagreement feels awful!

They say "if you're not upset, you're not paying attention"... but if you're too upset, you can't act effectively. That dilemma feels awful too. It's why people either shy away from trying to help, or burn out.

Wouldn't it be great to have some relief from the sheer angst?



Leadership Training Opportunity



Rev. John Morehouse and Randy Burnham will be conducting a workshop for people interested in learning about group facilitation for the Small Group Ministry Program on **Saturday, April 7th from 9:00-12:00 in the East Room.**

Participation is open to all and not limited to members of SGM, nor is it a commitment to be a facilitator. The SGM is anticipating an increase

in membership that will require additional facilitators.

For registration and/or more information, please contact Steven Rosenberg at ROSEN323@aol.com

Sat April 7

Social Justice Training - Sanctuary 9:00

SGM Facilitator Training - EW - 9:00

ARM - FR - 9:30

UU Orientation - EW - 1:00

Sun April 8

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

Gillespie Day: 6th-7th Graders - MH - 10:30

Earth Day Labyrinth - MH - 11:00

Youth Group (10th-12th) - YR - 11:00

Immigration Social Action - EW - 12:30

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

[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 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.



The Very Fine Life Time Volunteer Award

The Board of Trustees is seeking *YOUR* input for the 2018 FINE Award, given to outstanding volunteer(s) at an Annual Meeting. This award intends to recognize the consistent, outstanding, and otherwise unacknowledged volunteer contribution made to the pastoral, administrative, congregational and/or financial life and health of this community.

Send nominations to the Board secretary, secretary@uwestport.org.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full list of past awardees.



Are You Missing Something?



Someone lost a license plate in the parking lot.



An American Daughter
A play by Wendy Wasserstein

Friday & Saturday, March 23 & 24, 8:00 pm; Sunday, March 25, 3:00 pm

Tickets at the door. Suggested donation to our church: \$25

Directed by Jim Luongo

Set in Washington, D.C., Dr. Lyssa Hughes, a daughter of a Senator is nominated to the Cabinet, but a discovered past indiscretion becomes a scandal that imperils her confirmation and divides family and friends.

Please support our fundraiser, cast and crew: Sarah Bell, Arnela Ten Meer, Shrutika Sankar, Bob Welsh, Stephen Axthelm, Tom Croarkin, David Smith, Rainy Broomfield, Scott Singer, Berta Russell, Joann Coviello, Lindy Hennessy and Tim Wilson.

The Violin like you've not heard it.



We are celebrating! First we are celebrating the life of **Joe Wertheim** with a concert dedicated to his memory. **Margie Cooper, violinist extraordinaire, will be here from New York and she will be accompanied by our own Ed Thompson.** Margie has performed with several symphony orchestras and attained the highest levels of art with her violin. She is currently with the Chautaugua Symphony and the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra. She comes with 40 years of experience. She will be playing some of Joe's favorite composers: Bach, Mozart, Dvorak, Sarasate, Pachelbel, and some other pieces that are rarely heard. The program is designed to be about an hour

long. **IT IS FREE!**

Following the concert, in true UU fashion, there will be a potluck! Please let us know what you plan to bring: an APPETIZER, MAIN DISH or DESSERT. Wine, Beer and Soft-Drinks will be provided.

Please join us for music, community, connection, inspiration, and food.

Sunday, April 8, 4:00 concert; 5:30 potluck. Don't forget to put that in your 'date-book'.

For questions/concerns, please be in touch with [Ed Thompson](#) at the church.

Interested in attending General Assembly this year?

Registration, housing requests and financial aid applications open on March 1.

Grounded in a deep belief that we are all prophets, Unitarian Universalists ask, "How can we faithfully meet the demands of our time?" The call to witness and act for justice in our society and in the world is clear. So, too, is the call to examine our structures and practices, dismantling and transforming those which fail to recognize the full humanity of all people and to honor the interdependent web of life. Join us in Kansas City as we dive deeply into questions of mission for our Unitarian Universalist Association, for our congregations and communities, and for each of us as individuals.



New this year you can propose a Networking Session or apply to present a poster. Deadlines for both are March 15th. See the [GA webpage](#).

Deadline for Financial Aid Application is March 31, and early bird registration ends April 30. Off-site delegate options are also available to those who are unable to travel to Kansas City. Learn all the details at www.uua.org/ga.



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

April 1, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Easter Sunday: Interruption and Emergence"
- Rev. John Morehouse

April 8, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Humanity Reimagined" - Rev. John Morehouse

April 15, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Emergence of a Dream Seed" - Julio Torres, Intern Minister

April 22, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Uncentering Ourselves" - Rev. John Morehouse

April 29, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Prophets of a Future Not Our Own" - Rev. John Morehouse



LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018



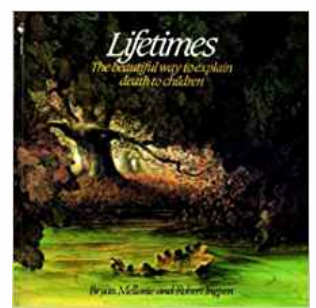
Next Sunday, April 1, is our annual Easter HUNT of Canned Dog and Cat food - **BRING CANS** this week to the basket in the foyer (look for the stuffed dog). The cans will be donated to the CT Humane Society.

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:** *Balance - Life & Death* - **Note:** BOOK: *Lifetimes: The Beautiful Way to Explain Death to Children* by Bryan Mellonie & Robert Ingpen - <http://amzn.to/2jWJACh>



[CLICK HERE](#) for Pre-K -1st grade children's FAMILY "TAKE-IT-HOME" for this week.



2nd-5th graders CHAPEL At 11:00 am only

* Start in the CHAPEL directly, and pick up in the OAK room

* **Topic:** *Balance: Life & Death* - Chapel today celebrates the mystery of life, compares our understanding about what happens when people die, and offers meditation time and clay during social time after worship

BEFORE SUNDAY PARENTS PLEASE TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT:

* Children who want to be a worship leader, greeter, tech person or do a reading - please RSVP to Mary Collins, Children's Program Coordinator - mary@uuwestport.org

* For the Chapel Offering - It's not only \$ - Prepare your children to
o Think of a good deed they have done, or a habit they improved. They will write their action offering down when they get here on paper provided.



YOUTH GROUP



YOUTH GROUP CLASSES FOR March 25, 2018

* **6th-7th Graders:** 11:00 am Meeting House, Main Floor: Maggie Blau, Dawn Kerr.

* **8th-9th grades:** 11:00 am Meeting House, Top Floor, Coming of Age. Miki Lasher, Maria Mendoza Smith.

* **10th-12th grades (Youth Group):** 11:00 am Meeting House, Lower Floor: TBD. Seeking Advisors.

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!: Friday, March 23, 6:00-10:00 pm

(PLEASE be prompt), Meeting House, main floor: The first movie 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:

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5649144/?ref=mv_sr_2

The second film will be: http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5726616/?ref=mv_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.

Childcare will be provided during the second movie on the lower floor of the Meeting House. [CLICK HERE](#) for a printable flyer schedule of all the films being shown the rest of the church year for FRIDAY NIGHT AT GHE MOVIES.





* **March 24-March 25, 2:00 AM (Midnight Run)** - 8th-9th graders sort clothes and prepare food to be distributed to the homeless and hungry in New York city. Kindly bring pants, jackets, underpants, socks toiletries and place in bin in sanctuary.

[CLICK HERE](#) for flyer. [CLICK HERE](#) for permission slip

* **Sunday, March 25th at the Westport Stop & Shop** - See elsewhere or contact

[Cindy Potter](#) if more info is needed

* **April 5-7** - UUUNO Intergenerational Seminar

* **April 20-22** - Social Con

* **April 21-22** - *8th-9th graders going to Boston as part of Coming of Age Program

* **May 5** - Youth group Beach clean-up with "lock-in" at TUCW following

* **May 6** - 8th/9th graders Coming of Age ceremony

* **May 12** - 8th-9th graders Midnight Run - all welcome

* **May 27** - Youth group graduating seniors' bridging preparation

* **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.