



The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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Our Annual Budget Drive is coming to a close.

If you have not done so yet, PLEASE take the time to pledge! You can **pledge** in many ways: in the lobby after service, [on-line through Realm](#), by e-mailing the church office.



Your pledge lets the church know how much you plan to give over our next fiscal year:

July '18 to June '19. We need to understand the funds that will come in, so that we can carefully and prudently budget, plan and staff for our next church-year.

With so many great things that the church provides to us all, and so many exciting programs happening, it would really be unfortunate to cut back.

You can **fulfill your pledge** in whatever way is most convenient: a lump sum, a monthly bank draft, a quarterly credit card, a weekly check... you tell us!

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER AS UUs. Let's keep that going strong into the next year!

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.



SUNDAY SERVICES - April 1, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM



"Easter Sunday: Interruption and Emergence" - Rev. John Morehouse

Rev. John will contemplate the meaning of change and suffering amidst our emerging lives. Join us for a morning of music, story and song.

Worship Associate: Connie Rockman

Pastoral Care Chaplain: 9:00 Lindy Hennessy; 11:00 Julia Wyant

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 -

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

**The Violin like you've not heard it. -
April 8, 2018 - 4:00 pm Concert - 5:30 pm Potluck**

We are celebrating! First we are celebrating the life of Joe Wertheim, a long-time member whose generosity and supportive spirit have helped us in a large way for the last 75 years. He is a model and source of inspiration for us all. Joe passed away last year. Thanks to Marion Wertheim's generosity, Margie Cooper, violinist extraordinaire, will be here to play a concert of music by Bach, Mozart, and Dvorak, some of Joe's favorite composers. The concert is dedicated to the memory of Joe, and we are invited to come and be inspired. But that is not all!



The second thing we are celebrating is the end of the annual pledge drive. We will celebrate our own spirit of generosity. In true UU fashion, there will be an **APPETIZER & BEVERAGE potluck! Complimentary Wine, Beer and Soft-Drinks will be provided and we ask you to bring an appetizer to share.**

Please join us for music, community, connection, inspiration, and food. [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP.



Jenna Jacobs

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

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

*UUs offered me the opportunity
to value others* 
and to value myself ...

Cheryl Dixon

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

Mon April 9
Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

NVC Practice Group - Lib -
7:00

Tues April 10
Men's Choir - 8:00

Wed April 11
Domestic Violence Task
Force - EW - 12:30

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

Thurs April 12
Youth Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Eldercare Support Team -
EW - 7:00

Women's Choir - 7:45

Fri April 13
UU History Series - EW -
7:00

Sat April 14
Neighborhood Circles
Facilitators - Lib - 10:00

Pastoral Care Associates
- MH - 1:00

Sun April 15
OWL Sessions - OWL
Room - 10:00



The Small Group Ministry has 108 members in 12 groups that meet once a month to discuss a topic. The topic for April is "Emergence;" "Make a bit of room. Leave a little space. Keep a lookout for the unexpected."

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.

But How Can They Even Think That!?

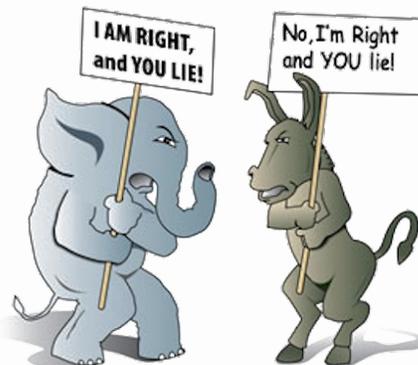
Saturday, April 7 from 9:00-1:00

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up or call David Vita at 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

OWL Parent Group -
Chapel - 10:15

Meditation - Elm Room -
10:15

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

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

TUCWomen Brown Bag -
MH - 12:30

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

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



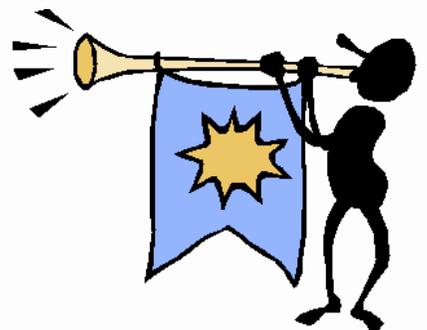
The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the slate of candidates to be voted on at the Annual Meeting on June 10, 2018 to fill openings on elected committees.

Board of Trustees: Doug Flam and Steve Grathwohl;

Nominating Committee: Sal Mollica, Michelle Garvey and Sari Bodi (to complete unexpired 1 year term);

Endowment Committee: Mark Corcoran;

Committee on Ministries: Jenna Jacobs and Sudha Sankar (to complete unexpired 2 year term).



Additional nominees for any position may be submitted by petition signed by at least 30 members of the Congregation eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting, and include the signature of and biographical information on the nominee. Petitions for election must be filed with the Secretary of the Board (MaryJane Cross) by noon on May 1. Nominees must be members for at least 12 months prior to the date of the Annual Meeting. Candidates can get petition forms on the [church website](#) or by



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.

The Weekly Candle Boat: The following UUs would appreciate a card or visit just to let them know we care. If you go, we suggest that you check first:

* **Dick Constable** is at Carlton in Fairfield.

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 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, APRIL 1, 2018

APRIL MONTHLY THEME IS EMERGENT

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.
- * **AT 9:00 am - WIGGLY CHILDREN (2-3rdish) may join them**
- * **ACTIVITIES: April theme: Emergent** - Book: Easter by Miriam Nerlove, egg hunt (inside are fun actions like hopping or wiggling like a an emergent worm), Match a story, cotton balls activity

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

- * **Start in the SANCTUARY directly and STAY UNTIL THE EXIT SONG (just before the sermon)**
- Proceed to the Lower Level for activities**
- * Easter "CAN" HUNT
- * Games on the lawn,
- * Chalk under the eaves
- * Optional or if rainy - crafts, Holiday books, free play
- * Pick up 15 minutes after the service In OAK Room or on the playground (depends on the weather)!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND YOURS!

Family Ministry Night POTLUCK:



**CANCELLED For TUESDAY APRIL 3rd
DISAPPOINTED?**

>>>>GO TO THE POTLUCK ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8th!

YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH GROUP CLASSES FOR April 1, 2018

- * **6th-7th Graders:** No class; kindly attend service.
- * **8th-9th grades:** No class; kindly attend service.
- * **10th-12th grades (Youth Group):** Tentative: 11:00 am Meeting House,
Lower Floor: TBD. Seeking Advisors.



FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!: Friday, April 1, 6:00-10:00 pm (PLEASE be prompt), Meeting House, main floor: The first film 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/tt4468740/?ref_=nv_sr_1

The second film will be: [http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5580390/?](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5580390/?ref_=nv_sr_1)

[ref_=nv_sr_1](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5580390/?ref_=nv_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.



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



- * **April 5-7** - UUUNO Intergenerational Seminar
- * **April 20-22** - Social Con Social Con at White Plains UU congregation
- * **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.