



The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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The Coming of Age (COA) program is an important part of the Lifespan Faith Development program at The Unitarian Church in Westport and helps facilitate the transition between being UU children and UU youth. The COA program has included classroom instruction on UU history, examination of the works of UU thinkers, as well as regular service projects, culminating with a trip

to Walden Pond and Boston, a focal point of US UU history and will include on Sunday (May 6) the presentation of, by each youth, a "credo," which, typically, is a statement of his/her beliefs. Most of the youth have been paired with an adult mentor, who are members of TUCW, who (and we) have asked each youth to examine his/her personal spirituality, bringing their life experience and learnings, particularly in the last year, to bear. Kindly join us for this service as we listen to the youth credos and support them in this wonderful and important rite of passage.

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.



SUNDAY SERVICES - May 6, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Julio Torres, Intern Minister

Julio Torres will preach Coming of Age Sunday

Worship Associate: Maria Mendoza-Smith

Pastoral Care Chaplain: - 9:00 Jason Black; 11:00 Ravi Sankar

Music: The Teen Choir and various soloists



Fri May 4

Shawl Ministry - MH -
12:30

Friday Night @ the Movies
- MH - 6:00

Sat May 5

Rehearsal Youth Group &
COA - Sanctuary - 4:00

Sun May 6

COA Service - 9:00 &
11:00

Voices Café, Saturday, May 12 at 8:00 pm



Seven-time Grammy winner Paul Winter, and three "masterful" Brazilian musicians performing a benefit concert for the KEYS - Kids Empowered by Your Support - music program which provides free one-to-one musical instrument lessons and group music instruction to underserved inner-city children in Bridgeport, CT who have no other access to this empowering life experience.
Concert seating. No tables.

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets. [CLICK HERE](#) for flyer.

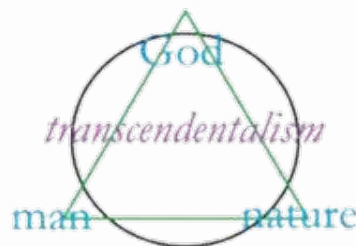
Our condolences go to Melissa Jagoe-Seidl and her family on the death of her husband, Ken (who died from complications from alzheimer's).

In Honor of the upcoming New Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, TUCW will be hosting a UU Liberation Series on Sundays. This year marks the fifty year anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We lift up his work. There will be a series of guided discussions and some book reading. This reading is non-mandatory, however, contact Julio Torres for PDF copies or purchase your copy of Pedagogy of the Poor.



[CLICK HERE](#) for flyer.

UU History series - Part III: American Unitarianism (1620- 1860). Friday, May 11, East Wing - 7:00 PM



TUCW will be presenting a history series to strengthen the congregation to its Unitarian, Universalist and UU roots. This DVD documentary, *A Long Strange Trip*, will discuss the Christian roots of Unitarianism and Universalism, and their developments over the past two thousand years. It is a comprehensive historical work to which I feel describes the, according to Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Strong, "freedom, tolerance, and reason from our Unitarian roots, and a tradition of faith, hope, and love from Universalist roots".

[CLICK HERE](#) for flyer.

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

Parent-Youth Gratitude Luncheon - MH - 12:00

UU Liberation Series - EW - 12:30

Immigration Social Action - Sanctuary - 12:30

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

"Music For Youth" Benefit - Sanctuary - 5:00

Mon May 7

Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

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

O&AF - 7:45

Tues May 8

#MeToo - FR - 5:15

Visiting Stewards' Reception - EW - 7:00

Men's Choir - 8:00

Wed May 9

Domestic Violence Task Force - EW - 12:30

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

Thurs May 10

Youth Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Moms Demand Action - EW - 7:30

Special Projects Choir - 7:45

Fri May 11

On Saturday, May 19 from 12:00-3:00 we're having an orientation for folks new to Unitarian Universalism and to this congregation. It's a great way to get to know some more people both new to this community and some of us who have been around awhile. I always enjoy seeing people who have attended the orientation chatting over coffee the next Sunday! The day consists of sharing our "journey" stories-how we came to be where we are in our life, Rev. John talks about our Unitarian and Universalist history and our Seven Principles, and there's plenty of time for questions and discussion.



Contact David Vita, Director of Social Justice and Membership, david@uuwestport.org, to let me know that you will be attending.

TUCWomen - May Potluck at Jamie Forbes'

**Let's celebrate our circles of women
6:30 pm, Friday, May 18 at Jamie Forbes' home
769 Hillside Road, Fairfield CT**



Please bring anything you like to share - appetizer, salad, side, main dish, dessert.

No individual assignments for food - it works out fine. Not everyone has to bring something to eat.

If you don't have time to cook, don't know what to bring, come anyway. There is always enough food.

Please RSVP Jamie - jforbes1@gmail.com
Tel:(203) 521-3848

**COMING! May 20th, Sunday, for both the
9:00 am and 11:00 am services.**

The Silver Fish - the musical! Performed by the Youth Choir as part of the morning services. It is a pertinent story that fits our time and our world. It is music, drama, education, theater and fun. Come and see what these young and very talented people (ages 8-12) have worked on this semester. More next week.



The next meeting of the UU Movie Discussion Group is Friday, May 25th at 7:30 pm in the Meeting House.

Friday Night @ the Movies
- MH - 6:00

UU History Series - EW -
7:00

Sat May 12
Neighborhood Circle
facilitators - Lib - 10:00

Resume Writing
Workshop - EW - 10:00

Pastoral Care Associates
- MH - 1:00

Midnight Run - MH - 3:15

Voices Cafe - Sanctuary -
8:00

Sun May 13
Flower Communion
Service

Meditation - Elm Room -
10:15

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

Endowment Committee -
Lib - 12:30

UU Liberation Series - EW
- 12:30

Mon May 14
Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

NVC Practice Group - Lib -
7:00

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

Tues May 15
#MeToo - FR - 6:45

BOT - EW - 7:00

Men's Choir - 8:00

Wed May 16



Movies for discussion include
On Chesil Beach,
Journey's End and
A Quiet Place.

Dessert potluck, decaf coffee and tea served.

If you have any questions, contact Carol Goddard - hcg@sbcglobal.net
 or phone: 203/255-3168

The Small Group Ministry has 108 members in 12 groups that meet once a month to discuss a topic.

The topic for May is "*Creativity*;" "What do you want to create?" but also "Who are your partners?" And what can each person contribute to the creative process?"

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.



#MeToo at TUCW



in the wake of the disclosures about movie mogul Harvey Weinstein last fall, women across the United States were responding to the call of the #MeToo Movement to speak up. Secular society - from Hollywood to the halls of Congress - rushed to correct their mistakes in silencing women while many communities of faith remained on the

sidelines. For many weeks there was virtually no talk of how a church, mosque or synagogue should or could deal with these incidents or the emotional consequences experienced by the woman involved.

Our congregation is not among those who have avoided directly addressing the myriad of issues raised by the #MeToo Movement. Last November Rev. Morehouse called together a Task Force to help craft a response to the resounding echoes of the emerging #MeToo Movement within the walls of our congregation. A recent commentary in Religion News Service, *Where is the Church on #MeToo?* put out this challenge: If pastors across the nation don't take immediate steps to advocate for the women in their congregations by speaking out against domestic violence and sexual misconduct, we are abdicating our role as the moral compass of our nation. We cannot expect America to look to us for guidance when we are disregarding the care of half the population. If we give up our responsibility on this issue, we give it up on every issue, from race relations to marriage.

Buddhist Practice Group -
 MH - 7:00

Chamber Choir - 7:45

Thurs May 17

Youth Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Finance Comm - FR - 6:00

Special Projects Choir -
 7:45

Fri May 18

Shawl Ministry - MH -
 12:30

Friday Night @ the Movies
 - MH - 6:00

Sat May 19

A Better Man - MH - 8:00

Newcomer Orientation -
 Chapel - 12:00

Ethnic Eats - Sanctuary &
 EW - 4:30

Sun May 20

Town Hall Meeting After
 Both Services (Budget
 Info) - Sanctuary - after
 each service

Meditation - Elm Room -
 10:15

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

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

UU Liberation Series - EW
 - 12:30

TUCWomen Brown Bag
 Lunch - MH - 12:30

LDT Synergy Meeting - Lib
 - 12:45

And now more denominations are coming out and making addressing #MeToo an important part of their ministries.

[READ MORE...](#)

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

Arya Samaj - EW - 4:00

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



SAVE THE DATE - Sunday June 3rd

Please join us in celebrating the 40th anniversary of Ed Thompson's Music Ministry with our Church.

The Special Projects Choir will sing the annual year end concert including the World Premiere of a new choral piece by renowned composer Paul Halley, commissioned by the Unitarian Church in Westport and dedicated to Ed Thompson.

Come celebrate this very special event in our church community.

There will be a reception following the 10:00 service.



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

May 13, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Mothers All" - Rev. John Morehouse

May 20, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Youth (Children's) Choir Recital

May 27, 2018 - 10:00 AM
"Creative Memories" - Rev. John Morehouse

June 3, 2018 - 10:00 AM
"The Blessing of Music: A Celebration of Rev. Dr. Ed Thompson's Forty Years of Ministry"



LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

This Week, May 6, 2017



PreK-Wiggly Children are welcome in the Lower level PINE ROOM at 9:00 and 11:00 am

Come directly or as the wiggles set in.

Theme: Creativity and Problem Solving

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Family Take-It-Home summary and links for faith formation at home

2nd grade and up are invited to attend to the Coming of Age rite of passage service

YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH GROUP CLASSES - NONE FOR MAY 6, 2018

6th-7th grades: Kindly attend the service in support of the Coming of Age youth at both the 9:00 and 11:00 am services.

8th-9th: Attend and present your credos at your assigned service; however please attend both services.

10th-12th grades: Kindly attend the service in support of the Coming of Age youth at both the 9:00 and 11:00 am services.





FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!: Friday, May 4, 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: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2527336/?ref=mv_sr_1 The second film will be: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5052448/?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. [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**.

Note please that the movies previously scheduled for April 20th (Norh by Northwest and Lady Bird) will be shown on May 11th.

KEY DATES

- * **May 5, 4:30-6:30:** rehearsal for Coming of Age ceremony and credo practice
- * **May 6** - 8th/9th graders Coming of Age ceremony
- * **May 12** - 8th-9th graders Midnight Run - all welcome
- * **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.