



The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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VOICES CAFÉ - Saturday, June 9 at 8:00 pm Phil Ochs Song Night: An Eloquent Argument for Action in the Face of Injustice



The songs of Phil Ochs are alive and well. Indeed, they sometimes ring as true, or even truer, today as they did when first performed on Greenwich Village stages of the early '60s.

On Saturday, June 9 at 8:00 pm they will be sung and interpreted by four of the most adept and compelling voices of the modern acoustic music

scene: Reggie Harris, Tom Prasada-Rao, Pat Wictor, and Greg Greenway.

Leave whatever pre-conceived notions you have about Folk Music at the door. These four eclectic musicians will interact in the round and perform the songs of Phil Ochs as if they were written yesterday. Threads of Gospel, R&B, Jazz, Folk, and Pop will be woven into a memorable evening of virtuosity and heart.

[CLICK HERE](#) for tickets.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Child care is provided for Sunday Services & on an as needed basis for other events. Organizers of events should contact [Saundra Clements](#) to arrange child care.



~~ FAREWELL BREAKFAST FOR MARY COLLINS come at 9:00 AM ~~ SUNDAY SERVICES - June 10, 2018 - 10:00 AM

"Our Children's Blessings" - Rev. John Morehouse

Join Rev. John, Mary Collins and Shahan Islam for a tribute to our children and the many volunteers in our Lifespan Faith Development Ministry. Our Annual Meeting will follow.

Worship Associate: Connie Rockman

Pastoral Care Chaplain: Pat Francek

Music: Youth Choir



Fri June 8

UU History Series - EW - 7:00

Sat June 9

Neighborhood Circles Facilitators - Lib - 10:00

Pastoral Care Associates - MH - 1:00

Voice Cafe - Sanctuary - 8:00

Sun June 10

Meditation - Elm Room - 9:00

Annual Meeting - Sanctuary - 11:30

Mon June 11

Immigration Community Support Team Training

Saturday, June 16 from 10:00-12:30 in the sanctuary



People don't flee family and home and country; risk their lives and the lives of their children; exhaust limited savings; put themselves in the hands of "coyotes" who may take their money and abandon them in the desert, or worse; on the slim hope that they might find asylum in America; people don't do these things unless what they're fleeing is worse than what they're facing.

Immigration Community Support Teams work with immigrants who have legal representation and are fighting deportation, fighting being returned to what they had fled from. A team of volunteers supports the legal team, "adopts" a family and provides wrap-around assistance to the client and family.

What's required? An open heart, willing hands, and a passion to make a difference - to try and save a life- one person at a time because that's literally what these teams are doing.

Hear from lawyers... hear about our first successful team... learn about what you can do... JOIN A TEAM!

Interested? Want more information? Contact David Vita:
david@uuwestport.org

Annual Meeting - June 10 - right after the service.

Robert Trefry's name was inadvertently omitted from the slate posted on April 1. He has agreed to remain on the Board of Trustees for a second term, 2018-2021, and will be on the slate to be approved at the June 10 meeting.



UU History series - Part V: Evolution (1861-1961) Friday, June 8 - 7:00 pm - East Wing



The evolution of Unitarianism and Universalism from Christian bible-oriented religions to the present-day non-creedal movement. Hosted by Mary-Jane Cross

[CLICK HERE](#) for flyer.

NVC Practice Group - Lib - 7:00

O&AF - 7:45

Tues June 12
Men's Choir - 8:00

Wed June 13
Domestic Violence Task Force - EW - 12:30

Asst. Minister Search Comm. - YR - 7:00

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

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

Thurs June 14
Youth Choir - 5:00

Women's Choir - 7:45

Fri June 15
UU History Series - EW - 7:00

Sat June 16
A Better Man - MH - 8:00

Immigration Community Support Team (ICST) - MH - 9:30

UU History Series - EW - 11:30

Newcomers Orientation - EW - 2:00

Sun June 17
Meditation - Elm Room - 9:00

Tues June 19
BOT - EW - 7:00

Wed June 20
Social Justice - Sanctuary - 5:30

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

Eliminating Racism - Lib - 7:30

HELP OUT THE BEARDSLEY SCHOOL BY DONATING ITEMS FOR A SUMMER CARE PACKAGE!

FOOD ITEMS	TOYS	PERSONAL CARE
Crackers / Snack bags Granola Bars Individual sized microwaveable meals including Mac & Cheese 100% Juice Boxes/OJ Single serve cereal boxes Raisin packs, dried fruit	Frisbees Jump ropes Bubbles Art supplies: markers, coloring books Math flashcards Puzzle books Inflatable balls Small bouncy balls Hackie sacks	Sun Screen Insect Repellent Band-Aids & Neosporin Chapstick Calamine lotion/aloe vera Soap, hand sanitizer Shampoo & Conditioner Toothbrush & Toothpaste Hats or visors Flip flops Sunglasses



Thurs June 21
Finance Committee - FR -
6:00

Fri June 22
UU Movie Discussion - MH
- 7:30

Sun June 24
Meditation - Elm Room -
10:15

TUCWomen Brown Bag
Lunch - MH - 12:00

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

Please place all items in the Beardsley box
on the Social Justice table by **June 17th**

Share the Plate

Our Sunday, June 10 Share the Plate recipient is United with Kenya. Check out its website here: <https://unitedwithkenya.org/>

May Share the Plate raised \$900 to purchase food cards to help members of the congregation.



New to Unitarian Universalism?

Join Reverend John and Director of Membership David Vita for a Newcomer Orientation. Saturday, June 16 from 2:00-4:00 PM in the East Wing. We'll share our journey stories, Reverend John will discuss our Unitarian and Universalist history as well as our Seven Principles, and there will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.

Contact David Vita - david@uuwestport.org



Vote Sunday!

There will be a congregational VOTE on adoption of the Proposed Congregational [Resolution](#), "A Faithful Response to #MeToo". The vote will take place on Sunday June 10th 2018 immediately following the 10 AM service

"This much we can say. A church that does not concern itself with the struggle in history for human decency and justice, a church that does not show concern for the shape of things to come, a church that does not attempt to interpret the signs of the times, is not a prophetic church. The prophetic liberal church is not a church where the prophetic function is assigned merely to the few. The prophetic liberal church is the church in which persons think and work together to interpret the signs of the times in light of their faith, to make explicit through discussion the epochal thinking that the times demand. The prophetic liberal church is the church in which all members share the common responsibility to foresee the consequences of human behavior (both individual and institutional), with the intention of making history in place of being merely pushed around by it."

-James Luther Adams, "Taking Time Seriously," The Prophethood of All Believers

[Read More...](#)

Plant Sale

Sundays, June 10 and 17, donated potted plants (berry plants, vegetables, herbs, flowers or small trees) will be sold to raise funds for new plants in the Meditation Garden. Anyone who can donate plants from their yard or garden or who would like to help with the event please email a list approximating your plant donations to:

Steven Kunstler at kstevenk@aol.com

If you have perennials that are proliferating or leftover plants that you bought but can't use pot them and drop them off in the church courtyard. Label the pot with the type of plant and price (\$4 for 4" pots, \$5 for 5", etc., \$10 for 8"). Any unsold plants will be offered up the following Sunday or planted on the Church grounds.

The past plant sales were a big success. Many plants were brought in and sold raising over \$600 for the Church.



Buddhist Practice Group
Meeting House - Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00 pm

Newcomers Welcome!

Please contact Nina Nagy at ninazcara@gmail.com prior to coming.

The Search for the Assistant Minister has begun!

The Search Committee for the new Assistant Minister for Faith Formation has now met three times. All of us on the Search Committee are very excited to find the right person who will help lead our beloved congregation into the future. Why hire an Assistant Minister for Faith Formation? Spiritual communities are beginning to see while Religious Education classes can help to learn how to live one's spiritual principles, there are other methods that are equally, if not more important. Worshipping together is one method. Talking about important issues in small groups is another. And Religious Education doesn't end when a person bridges to adulthood. Done well, it happens throughout your life. In shifting the focus from Religious Education classes to Faith Formation, we experience the many ways we learn how to live our Unitarian Universalist faith. [One model for shifting this focus is outlined by Kim Sweeney in this article: [The Death of Sunday School and the Future of Faith Formation.](#)]

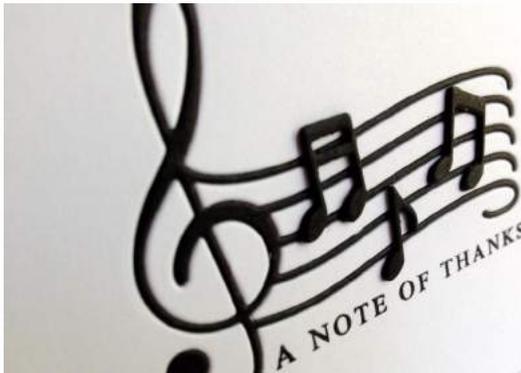


You will have many opportunities to share input with the Search Committee, including through a survey, and in cottage meetings. The first of these meetings will be held after the Sunday service on June 17th and June 24th, where you will receive Ice Cream for your Input.

We look forward to talking with you!

Carrie McEvoy, Elena Rockman-Blake, Cathy McElroy, Cecelia McElroy, Beverly Lieberman, Rachael Sandler

Music Notes:



To everyone who helped to make the 40th Anniversary a true celebration: THANK YOU!!! More specifically, special thanks to Rev. John, whose idea it was, for getting the wheels turning and for his explanation of the George Eliot poetry; to Sharon Bittenbender and Debbie Handler who, with their formidable organizational skills, did all of the behind-the-scenes organizing; to Julyen Norman, chef extraordinaire, who was responsible for the festive reception; to the Music Committee for assisting with the reception details; to the Special Projects Choir for the amazing job they did with some difficult music; to Scott Bryce for his inimitable work with the George Eliot poetry; to the Youth Choir and Teen Choir for joining us in the

"Freedom Trilogy" - your presence was wonderful; to Jenna Jacobs for her priceless rendition of "Marvellous Error"; to all of those who sent emails and cards - your words are much appreciated; to all those who were present, whose presence added to the energy, the richness, the spirituality and the festive spirit of the event. It was a memorable morning and I thank you for making it so. We are all blessed!

~ Ed Thompson

TUCW Annual Tag Sale -Saturday August 18, 2018 - 8:30 to 4:00 pm

Our eclectic sale attracts many young families from surrounding towns, enabling them to find bargains in household goods. Keep them in mind as you update or clean out or simplify your life.

Save your donations until the week before, if possible.
(The Meeting House will be available late June, if necessary.*)

Do YOU have a TRUCK or VAN for PICK-UPS?
Contact Linda Hudson - lhudson30@hotmail.com

VOLUNTEER! - Look for sign-up sheets in the foyer, or contact
Dorothy Rich - dorothyjeanrich@gmail.com

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

[CLICK HERE](#) for What to Donate.

* for other arrangements, call/text Linda - lhudson30@hotmail.com, 203-829-6685



Pastoral Care Associates
The Unitarian Church in Westport



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.

Seeking Summer Pianist ...or flutist, or cellist, accordianist...

Our dear Rev. Ed takes a well-deserved summer off, so if you or someone you know can play hymns for us now and then, please contact Linda Hudson at lhudson30@hotmail.com. And if you play another instrument, and could provide incidental music, that would be most welcomed!



UPCOMING SERVICES

June 17, 2018 - 10:00 AM
"My Father's Blessings" - Rev. John Morehouse

SUMMER SERVICES

June 24, 2018 - 10:00 AM
"Addiction, Trauma, and Freedom" - Denise Lamoureux

July 1, 2018 - 10:00 AM
"What's Your Super Power?" - Judy Eckert

July 8, 2018 - 10:00 AM
Reclaiming My Time - Rev Kimberley Debus

July 15, 2018 - 10:00 AM
"Ending the Epidemic" - Mary-Megan Marshall

July 22, 2018 - 10:00 AM
"To Seek the Truth in Love" - Tom Hearne

July 29, 2018 - 10:00 AM
"Aging to Saging" - Cheryl Dixon Paul

August 5, 2018 - 10:00 AM
"My Journey with Nature as Teacher" - Jim Francek

August 12, 2018 - 10:00 AM
"Love" - Donna Thomas-Bennett

August 19, 2018 - 10:00 AM
"Going for Refuge" - Bob Bevacqua

August 26, 2018 - 10:00 AM
"Broken to Unbreakable" - Pat Francek, Janet Luongo

September 2, 2018 - 10:00 AM
"The Garden of Eating" - Jenna Jacobs



LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

THIS SUNDAY, June 10, 2018



THIS WEEK INFORMATION for (Pre-K to 5)

*** THIS WEEK WE HAVE OUR ANNUAL MEETING AFTER THE SERVICE. PLEASE CONTACT SAUNDRA CLEMENTS NO LATER THAN FRIDAY (call or text 203-216-7708) IF YOU PLAN TO STAY FOR MEETING AND WILL NEED EXTENDED CHILDCARE. PLEASE BRING A LUNCH FOR YOUR CHILD**

* START DIRECTLY at 10 am in **OAK Room**

* Topic: Blessing: Prayer: Ramadan.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Pre-K -5 FAMILY "TAKE-IT-HOME" for this week.

YOUTH GROUP

June 10, 2018 - No classes.

LFD SUNDAY & BRIDGING CEREMONY: As June 10, is LFD Sunday and the Bridging Ceremony, all youth are asked kindly to attend and support our Seniors at the service at 10:00 am. After the service, graduating Seniors (and those wishing to go along) will be invited to place their hand prints on the ceiling of the Youth Room in the Meeting House.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES: This summer a number of youth from UU congregations in Europe will be in New York and Connecticut, hosted by members of six different UU congregations. (Interestingly, every host family this year has a member on his/her congregation's board or is a DRE). In connection with the arrival of the European UU youth, a number of activities/get togethers are planned or will be. Here is what is known so far (may want to mark your calendars):



- 1.) **THURSDAY, JUNE 28:** New London youth would like to meet with TUCW youth at **Hammonasset Beach**. This one has nothing to do with European UU youth. Details later.
- 2.) **SATURDAY, JULY 14:** Day of fun at **Kettletown State Park** (Southbury, CT) with local UU youth and at least one (maybe 2) UU youth from Europe.
- 3.) **THURSDAY OR FRIDAY OR SATURDAY (JULY 19, 20 OR 21):** Day of fun at **Niantic Beach** with local UU youth and at least one (maybe 3) UU youth from Europe.

(1)-(3) are in the works and (2) - (3) are dependent on youth from Europe and local families and congregations.

EVALUATION/FEEDBACK MEETING: A few parents have indicated that this should be after the proms, graduations, school year, etc...So look for a Doodle poll shortly to schedule.

Have a great summer everyone!

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.