



# The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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## HOME COMING - SEPTEMBER 9 - 10:00 AM

### SUNDAY SERVICE - SEPTEMBER 2, 2018 - 10:00 AM

#### **"The Garden of Eating" - Jenna Jacobs**

Explore ways to connect our faith with the every-day act of eating. As UUs, we believe in the inherent worth of all people, the interdependent web of existence, and in actively seeking truth. For many of us, it may be easy to connect our values to issues of racism, poverty, immigration, climate change, animal cruelty, and personal health. But do our values and issues relate to our food choices? Yes. Join us to discover how.



Jenna is a member of The Unitarian Church in Westport, along with her family. She is active in the Music Ministry and a nominee the Committee on Ministries. Jenna graduated from The Natural Gourmet Institute and began her career as a vegan chef in 2015. She is now launching the Food Ministry at TUCW to bring new thinking to the UU community and beyond. Lunch and discussion will follow the service.

**WA:** Connie Rockman and Joanne Orenstein

**Pastoral Care Chaplain:** Shari Brennan

### SUNDAY SERVICE - SEPTEMBER 9 - 10:00 AM

#### HOME COMING SERVICE

Introducing Our New Intern Minister - Margalie Belizaire

### 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.*



**Sun Sept 2**  
Meditation - Chapel - 9:15

Conversation with Jenna  
McPartland - EW - 11:00

**Tues Sept 4**  
6th to 7th Grade  
Teachers' Orientation -  
MH/Shahan's Office - 7:00  
pm  
OWL Teachers'  
Orientation - MH/OWL  
room - 7:30



I am the first Unitarian Universalist in my family. In fact, I don't believe anyone in my family had ever heard of UU until my introduction to the faith some five years ago. For me, it was lifesaving and I joined the Unitarian Universalist Society of Cleveland in Ohio shortly after I started attending. I grew up in a large Haitian family in Miami, Florida, where I was raised as a Jehovah's Witness. During my childhood and most of my teenage years, I believed all other religions were false and based on deception. I've long since left the religion and beliefs of my childhood. My spiritual journey has been somewhat rocky and turbulent, trying on different faiths and eventually absenting from religion all together. For a while I became a "none" and claimed to be spiritual but not religious. However, I realized that I, in fact, needed religion too. Fortunately and by happenstance, I stumbled unto Unitarian Universalist. I have not looked back. ... [CLICK HERE to read more](#)

Men's Choir, 8:00 pm

**Wed Sept 5**

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

Chamber Choir - 7:45 pm

**Thurs Sept 6**

Special Projects Choir - 7:45

**Fri Sept 7**

Choir Rehearsals - 7:00

Pre-K to 5th Volunteer Orientation - EW - 7:00

**Sat Sept 8**

Pastoral Care Associates - MH - at 1:00

Barn Dance - Sanctuary - 6:00

**Sun Sept 9**

Meditation - Chapel - 9:15

HOMEcoming at 10:00 am  
Leadership Expo directly following the service

**Mon Sept 10**

NVC Practice Group - Lib - 6:30  
Bell Choir - EW - 6:45

4-5 OWL Parent Orientation - MH - 7:00

O&AF - 7:45

**Tues Sept 11**

Men's Choir - 8:00

**Wed Sept 12**

Domestic Violence Task Force - EW -12:30

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

Eliminating Racism - EW - 7:30

**Thurs Sept 13**

Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00



**Meditation now in Chapel downstairs every Sunday at 9:15-9:45 AM in the summer. All are welcome!**



**Buddhist Practice Group - Meeting House -  
Wednesday, August 29 and  
September 5 at 7:00 pm**



*Newcomers Welcome!*

Please contact Nina Nagy at [ninazcara@gmail.com](mailto:ninazcara@gmail.com) prior to coming.

**Oh My!** Look at all the folks who made **this year's Tag Sale** such a success - from moving chairs and tables, to unpacking, cleaning, displaying, selling, repacking and finally re-setting those same chairs and tables.

Thank you, one and all!

Final count still to come, but it's over \$10,000.

Closets were cleaned, bargains were found, new friendships formed - a win all around.

[CLICK HERE](#) to look at all the folks who made this year's tag sale such a success!



**The choirs await you!!**

The following choirs will resume at the following times. For a full schedule, please see the schedule on the website or be in touch with Ed Thompson.



- \* **Children's Choir** (formerly Youth Choir) - Thursday, September 13 - 5:00 PM
- \* **Teen Choir** - Thursday, September 13 - 6:00 PM
- \* **Once & Again Singers** - September 10th, Monday - 7:45 PM
- \* **Men's Choir** - Tuesday, September 11 - 8:00 PM
- \* **Women's Choir** - Thursday, September 13 - 7:45 PM
- \* **Chamber Choir** - Wednesday, September 5 - 7:45 PM
- \* **Bell Choir** - September 10, Monday - 6:45 PM
- \* **Special Projects Choir** - Thursday, August 30 - 7:45 PM

This is the perfect time to join a choir, at the beginning of a season.

For all questions about the music program, please be in touch with Ed Thompson 203-227-7205 ext. 18 or [Ed@uwestport.org](mailto:Ed@uwestport.org)

### **Barn Dance - Saturday, September 8, 2018, 6:30-10:00 pm**

**With legendary caller Bill Fischer and Wry Bred**

It's time for live acoustic music and endorphin-raising dancing. The consummate caller Billy Fischer will be leading the dances. These are simple, social, group dances meant for all ages, so don't be shy. At the very least come and enjoy the music!

Bring A Friend! Bring a Whole Family of Friends!

Snacks will be available for sale. BYOB for the Grownups.

Suggested donation - \$5/child, \$10/adult, \$25/family



### **Cake Walk**

For added fun we will be featuring another old school Cake Walk.

It's similar to Musical Chairs, but each round a winner takes home a CAKE!!

Tickets for Cake Walk; \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

Please donate a tasty treat to award some lucky winner!

A Cake, a plate of brownies, a pie, whatever strikes your fancy.

Questions? Contact Cathy at [mcelroy.cathy@gmail.com](mailto:mcelroy.cathy@gmail.com)

or Elena at [erockman2006@aol.com](mailto:erockman2006@aol.com)

Women's Choir - 7:45

### **Sun Sept 16**

Worship Services -  
Sanctuary - 9:00 & 11:00

4th-5th OWL Parent +  
Child (mandatory) - MH -  
9:00

Meditation - Elm Room -  
10:45

Spiritual Leadership - EW  
- 12:30

TUCWomen Brown Bag  
Lunch, Meeting House at  
12:30 pm

8th Grade Parents'  
Orientation - MH 3rd fl -  
12:30

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



**The memorial service for Sandy Cygan will be on Saturday, September 15th, at 10:00 am.** The Cygans have been members here since the early 70s. We extend our sympathy to Bob and his family. All are welcome to attend.

**The memorial service for Peter Atkins will be held on Sunday, September 16th at 4:00.**  
All are welcome.

# EXPO



*The Unitarian Church in Westport  
Showcasing opportunities to  
Inspire, Connect, Act!*

**The 2018 Expo is coming!** Directly after the Homecoming service on **September 9**, the Expo will showcase the amazing work done by TUCW's many committees and groups. You can learn about their accomplishments and future plans and find out how you can get involved. The event will also feature a barbeque and potluck lunch. Please join us!

## **'Creating TUCW's Future' - You are Invited: Saturday, September 15 - morning OR afternoon session**

You are invited to join a congregation-wide event and spend a few hours on Saturday, September 15 to help refine TUCW's vision by sharing your best memories, most beloved church programs and activities, and your aspirational hopes for TUCW in the years to come. *There will be food.*

**Why?** The Board of Trustees is planning a series of events leading up to the prospective launch of a Capital Campaign that will enable us to address deferred repairs, replacements, and upgrades to our facilities - all with an eye to growing our programs, membership, celebrations, and community engagement. Email [secretary@uuwestport.org](mailto:secretary@uuwestport.org), or [conyemleukwe@gmail.com](mailto:conyemleukwe@gmail.com), or text Catherine at 203-247-6148 to say you will come and whether you prefer morning or afternoon.



## **Save The Date! Camp Jewell Multigenerational Retreat October 12-14, 2018**

Come and sign up at our table at the Homecoming Expo!!  
Cathy McElroy, Elena Rockman-Blake, Eileen O'Reilly  
More information to follow.

**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](mailto: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@uwestport.org](mailto:pca@uwestport.org).

## UPCOMING SERVICES



**September 9, 2018 - 10:00 AM**  
**"Homecoming Sunday: Bring Forth a New Vision"**

**September 16, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**"A Faith Further Forming"**

**September 23, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**"The Good We Cannot See"**

**September 30, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**Our new Intern Minister Margalie Belizaire will preach.**

**October 7, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**"Sanctuary for All Creatures Great and Small"**

## LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

**\* Welcome our new Teacher Adriana Fuchs! \***  
**She will be Lead Teacher in Pre K-1st. Her first day is Sept 2, 2018.**

**SUNDAY, September 2, 2018**

**THIS WEEK INFORMATION for (Pre-K to 5)**

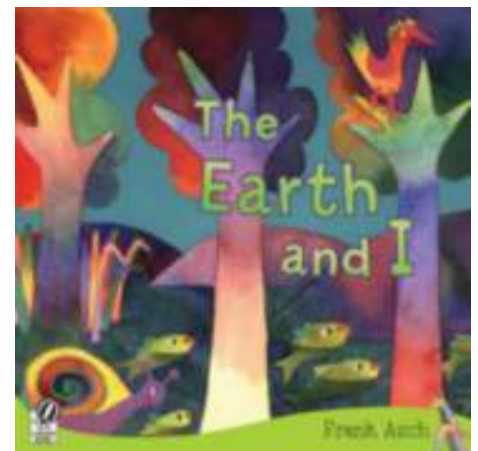
**10:00 am in the Lower Level OAK room PreK and wiggly children (usually K-3rd) but older siblings welcome too.**

**TOPIC:** Conservation and Recycling - How do we act out our Faith

**UU PRINCIPLE #7:** Care for the planet we share with all beings.

**STORY VIDEO:** The Earth & I Are Friends Frank Asch (2 mins) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQ3Tc2MJToc>

**SUNDAY ACTIVITY OPTIONS:** Make something fun out of recycled materials.



[CLICK HERE](#) or Pre-K-5 FAMILY "take-home" for SUNDAY, August 19, 2018.

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SUNDAY, September 9, 2018

THIS WEEK INFORMATION for (Pre-K to 5)

L' Shanah Tovah  
Have a sweet year!

1 0:00 am in the Lower Level OAK room PreK and wiggly children (usually K-3rd) but older siblings welcome too.

THEME: Vision

TOPIC: Rosh Hashanah

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SOURCE: Jewish Heritage

MESSAGE: The Jewish High Holy Days: Rosh Hashanah - Jewish New Year

Here's a description for children -

[http://www.chabad.org/library/article\\_cdo/aid/1281278/jewish/Speaking-to-Kids-About-Yom-Kippur.htm](http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/1281278/jewish/Speaking-to-Kids-About-Yom-Kippur.htm)

ACTIVITIES ON SUNDAY AM: Eating apples and honey (for a sweet year)

[CLICK HERE](#) or Pre-K-5 FAMILY "take-home" for SUNDAY, August 26, 2018.

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PARENTS - Fall is around the corner.

We are doing 5-10 minute phone calls to REGISTER for LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT GROUPS FOR YOUR PreK-12th graders - call or text Shahan at 347-603-6869 or send an email to [shahan@uwestport.org](mailto:shahan@uwestport.org).

\* 4-5th grade Parents - [See this flyer](#)

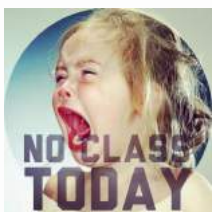
and put Monday, September 10th 7:00-8:30 pm on your calendar for a REQUIRED meeting of 4-5th grade Parents.

\* 8th grade Parents - [See this flyer](#)

~ put Sunday, September 16th, 12:30-2:00 pm on your calendar for a 8th OWL PARENT REQUIRED meeting (and youth will have social time)



## YOUTH GROUP



**NO LFD CLASSES ON SEPTEMBER 2 or SEPTEMBER 9 (Homecoming):** There will be no Lifespan Faith Development Classes on September 2 or on September 9 (homecoming). This year, we will try not to hold classes on major holidays or multigen days so that families may celebrate the worship services together.

**6th-7th GRADES: TEACHER ORIENTATION, TUESDAY,**

**SEPTEMBER 4 at 7:00 PM IN MEETING HOUSE:** There will be a Teacher Orientation on Tuesday, September 4, 7:00-8:00 PM in the Meeting House in Shahan's Office.



# Teachers' Meeting



**8th GRADE: OWL TEACHER MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 at 7:30 PM IN AT MEETING HOUSE, 3RD FLOOR OWL ROOM:** There will be an important OWL first meeting on Tuesday, September 4, 7:30-8:30 PM in the Meeting House in the 3rd Floor OWL Room. (Note: Yes there is time overlap between this and the above meeting; this is not a misprint)

**YOUTH GROUP (9th-12th): PARENT-YOUTH KICK-OFF MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 at 11:30 PM in MEETING HOUSE - MAIN FLOOR:**

There will be a first parent-youth meeting for Sunday, September 9 at 11:30 (after the 10:00 AM service). Please bring **FIVE IDEAS** about activities to do in youth group or extra projects youth might wish to take part in for the upcoming year. The Meeting will also provide good information to parents and opportunities to be involved in various activities.



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.