



# The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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## Blessing of the Animals - October 7, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

This all church Sunday will be our annual animal blessing service. Bring your well behaved pets or photos of them to be blessed by Rev. John.

## 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.



## SUNDAY SERVICE - SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM



### "Amazing Grace"

- Intern Minister Margalie Belizaire

Come explore the beloved hymn, amazing grace, with Margalie, and its broad reach with both the church and the in-church.

**Worship Associate:** Connie Rockman

**Pastoral Care Chaplain:** 9:00 Tom Hearne  
11:00 Marie-Claire Bue

**Music:** 9:00 Men's Choir - 11:00 Women's Choir

### Fri Sept 28

Choir rehearsals - 7:00

UU Movie Discussion -  
MH - 7:30

### Sat Sept 29

CD recording session -  
8:00-5:00

### Sun Sept 30

Addiction & Recovery  
Ministry - Lib - 9:30

Meditation - Elm Room -  
10:15

6th-7th Grade "Reflect" -

Sunday, September 23, 2018



**"The Good We Cannot See" - Rev. John Morehouse**

**Build Your Own Theology starting October 7th at 12:30 in the East Wing**

From Rev John ~ "Starting Sunday October 7th after the second service for six weeks I will be leading the classic course *Building Your Own Theology* but with a twist; I don't intend this to be the end product of our course but the beginning. We will each build a theology and then, if you are willing, I will invite you to participate in a new course, being developed for publication by Meadville Lombard Theological School, taken from my doctoral thesis "Creating Theology Together" (publication anticipated Spring 2019). I invite you on this two part journey with me. Join us for BYOT as it is fondly known and then take what you have learned and lets Create Theology Together."



Registration is limited to sixteen adults. Please email Rev. John at [RevJohn@uuwestport.org](mailto:RevJohn@uuwestport.org) should you like to be a part of this journey.

**Voices Café Opens its 8th season with Bettman & Halpin**



Stephanie Bettman, songwriter, singer, and fiddler and Luke Halpin, a renowned multi-instrumentalist on guitar, fiddle, banjo, and mandolin play original Folk/Americana and have a well-earned reputation for hypnotizing performances filled with irresistible lyrics, transcendent harmonies and roof-raising instrumentals.

Their concerts combine high-energy upbeat bluegrass/roots inspired compositions, beautiful ballads with soaring vocals and heartfelt lyrics, and unforgettable groovy feel-good songs that will be singing in your head for weeks thereafter.

Listen to them here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9idj6KuNRk>

MH - 10:00

OWL Parents - YR - 10:15

OWL - OWL room - 10:30

Youth Group (9th-12th) - YR - 11:00

Strategic Planning Committee - MH - 4:00

CD recording session - 12:30-7:30

**Mon Oct 1**

Bell Choir - 6:45

O&A - 7:45

**Tues Oct 2**

Men's Choir - 8:00

**Wed Oct 3**

Stewardship Comm - FR - 6:30

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

Chamber Choir - 7:45

**Thurs Oct 4**

Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Women's Choir - 7:45

**Fri Oct 5**

Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

Ethical Food Ministry - EW - 7:00

**Sun Oct 7**

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

Build Your Own Theology - EW - 12:30

Immigration Social Action - Sanctuary - 12:30

All Choirs - Potluck - 6:00

Purchase tickets here: <https://voicescafe.org/show/bettman-halpin/>

Listen to them here:

### Diaper Collection for the Mercy Learning Center: Sizes 4, 5 & 6 are needed

Diapers. A luxury item? One would think not but for 1 in 3 families in the US that is the case. Nearly half of all children under 6 in the United States are living in low-income households. For these families, the cost of diapers can be prohibitive. A Feeding America survey found 48 percent of food bank clients who used diapers would delay changing a diaper to make their supply last longer, and 32 percent would try to reuse a disposable diaper.

A lack of clean diapers leaves babies at risk of developing diaper dermatitis, skin breakdown, open sores susceptible to infections, and urinary tract infections, all of which are preventable with an adequate supply of fresh diapers.

Beginning this Sunday, September 23, 2018, and going forward we will be collecting diapers for the Mercy Learning Center at the social justice table in the foyer. Diaper sizes 4, 5 & 6 are needed.



### Our Children, Our Future



Can you give an hour each week to a young student struggling with her math or learning how to read? Or perhaps, you would enjoy reading a beautiful picture book to a class once a week? The Beardsley School still needs people like you. To learn more about this opportunity for service please stop by the Beardsley Board table in the lobby this

Sunday after both services.

If you only have one day to spare this fall, please sign up for the Beardsley Read Aloud Day on October 18. Forms will be at the Beardsley Board table after both services.

### Camp Jewell - Multigenerational Retreat - October 12-14, 2018

Join your UU friends for a weekend of fun, worship, personal growth, and friendship. Meet new chums, reconnect with old ones, or deepen relationships with those you already have. This is a chance for you to get away from it all and have a great family weekend, just about an hour away! There will be workshops for adults, team building for our youth, and activities for the kids.



**Mon Oct 8**

Bell Choir - 6:45

NVC Practice Group - YR  
- 6:30

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

**Tues Oct 9**

Men's Choir - 8:00

**Wed Oct 10**

Domestic Violence Task  
Force - EW - 12:30

Domestic Violence Task  
Force - Sanctuary - 6:00

Buddhist Practice Group -  
MH - 7:00

Eliminating Racism - EW  
- 7:30

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

**Thurs Oct 11**

Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Women's Choir - 7:45

**Fri Oct 12**

CAMP JEWELL

**Sat Oct 13**

CAMP JEWELL

Pastoral Care Associates  
- MH - 1:00

Voices Cafe - Sanctuary -  
8:00

**Sun Oct 14**

Meditation - Elm Room -  
10:45

Build Your Own Theology  
- EW - 12:30

TUCWomen Brown Bag  
Lunch - MH - 12:30

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

Additional activities include but are not limited to: boating, hiking, feeding the animals, rock climbing, whiffle ball, ga-ga ball, an ice cream social, and much more.

**Register online at [www.uuwestport.org/go-jewell](http://www.uuwestport.org/go-jewell) or in person in the lobby after services on Sunday. Save \$10.00 if you register by September 30!**



Questions? Check the FAQs on the website above or Contact ~  
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Eileen O'Reilly at [eileenor@outlook.com](mailto:eileenor@outlook.com)



**Please join the Leadership Development Team in congratulating *JIM COOPER*, recipient of September's Leading Lights Award.**

Jim has been a member of TUCW for 22 years. Although we lack space to list all his contributions, Jim stands out for his outstanding service on the search committee that brought Reverend John to us, his years of ushering, his being a founding member of UGNO, his tireless work helping with the Tag Sale and his newest role as candle maker extraordinaire for our candle boat. For his years of service and dedication, Jim truly reflects the qualities of volunteerism and commitment the Leading Lights award represents.



**Shahan Islam, our Youth Program Coordinator has decided to step down from his position citing personal reasons.** We are sad to see him go and I especially appreciated how hard he worked to coordinate our youth programming as we moved from being part of the Central Eastern Region of the UUA to the New England Region. Shahan had been especially active in building connections and bridges with our sister congregations in CT. Plans are still underway for several CT "Cons" at our church. With Shahan's guidance we are becoming a leading congregation for youth programming in CT.

Rest assured that that all protocols and procedures are being followed as per our Human Resources and Safe Congregations policies. Volunteers are stepping up to fill the role for the time being. Our programming for youth is continuing without interruption.

The position of Youth Program Coordinator is open again and we are accepting resumes sent directly to me, [revjohn@uuwestport.org](mailto:revjohn@uuwestport.org). Our hiring protocol restricts applicants to non-members only. If you know someone who might be good for this position please pass this along.

Here is the link to the job description:

<https://uuwestport.org/lifespan/this-week-in-lifespan-faith-development/>

**Grief Support Group**

The death of a loved one is one of the most painful experiences in life.

In traveling this journey of loss, we need not do it alone. In fact, research tells us that having support at a time of loss is essential to the healing process.

Our church offers a **Grief Support Group** starting **Monday, October 8th**. This group will run for 6 Monday evenings (October 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5 and 19) from 7:00 to 8:30 pm here at the UU Church. This group is open to all UU members and to the wider community.



In the group, we will share our stories of loss, learn more about the grief process, address some of the difficult feelings in loss such as regret and guilt and discover ways to cope. We will also have the opportunity to support others who are going through their own grief process.

Facilitators for this group are Pastoral Care Chaplains Pat Francek, MSW and Chuck Harrington, PHD.

To register, or for more information, please contact Pat Francek at 203-893-1781 or email her at [patfrancek@gmail.com](mailto:patfrancek@gmail.com) before October 1. Also, please pass this information on to others who may benefit from this support group.

Thank You

## The Holiday Jewelry Boutique - December 2nd and 9th

Your Castoffs are Other's Treasures

Bring your donations of jewelry and scarves to the church.

Do you have broken gold and silver jewelry? Donate that too. We will turn it into cash for the Church.

Be sure to label your box or bag with your name so that we can send you a tax receipt.

Questions to Sharon - [sharon@slpoole.com](mailto:sharon@slpoole.com)



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@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

**October 7, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**

**"Sanctuary for All Creatures Great and Small" - Rev. John Morehouse**

**October 14, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM - Rev. John Morehouse**

**"Finding Sanctuary in the Arms of Our Angels"**

**October 21, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM - Rev. John Morehouse**

**am "Crossing Borders, Finding Home"**



## LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

**SUNDAY, September 23, 2018**



**Parents of 2-5th graders:**

**Please sign in your child downstairs first for 11:00 am Chapel before going upstairs for story. ~Thank you.**

**Monthly Theme:** Vision

**UU Principal:** Searching for the truth

**Topic:** The story of Tom Kotter & John Murray.

Our beginning/Our Growth.

**PreK-1st:**

**9:00 am and 11:00 am**

**START DIRECTLY IN THE LOWER LEVEL - Pine Room**

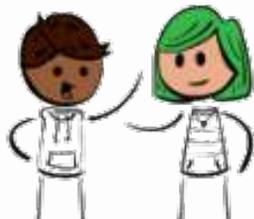
**\* 2nd-5th: 11:00 am CHAPEL lower level**



**Families Please pick up children after service ends 😊 Then together get that snack & cup of**



**then,**



**[CLICK HERE](#) for Pre-K-5 FAMILY "take-home" for SUNDAY, September 23, 2018.**



Mark Your Calendars

# EVENTS



## SOME DATES:

- \* **October 12 (Fri)-14 (Sun):** Camp Jewell
- \* **November 9 (Fri)-11 (Sun):** CON at TUCW
- \* **November 25 (Sun):** Wreath Sales 10:00 am-12:45 pm
- \* **December 2 (Sun):** Wreath Sales 10:00 am-12:45 pm
- \* **December 23 (Sun):** YG Holiday Party w/alums 11:00 am-12:30 pm
- \* **March 15 (Fri) - 17 (Sun):** CON at TUCW
- \* **March 17 (Sun):** Youth Services (both)
- \* **April 26 (Fri)- 28(Sun):** Youth (8th Gr) BOSTON Trip
- \* **May 5 (Sun):** Youth (8th Gr) Coming of Age Ceremony
- \* **May 19 (Sun):** Youth (8th Gr) comes to Youth Group
- \* **June 2 (Sun):** Bridging Ceremony (Seniors)

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.