



The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

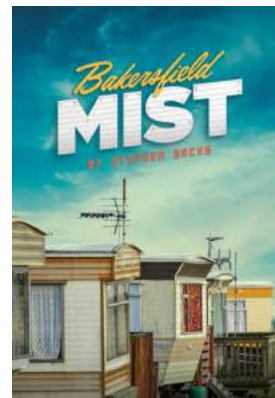
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The UUWestport Players will perform *Bakersfield Mist* on Friday, November 2, at 8:00 PM Saturday, November 3 at 8:00 PM and Sunday, November 4 at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary.

Ninety minutes long with no intermission, *Bakersfield Mist* is inspired by true events.

This hilarious and thought provoking comedy-drama asks vital questions about what makes art and people truly authentic.

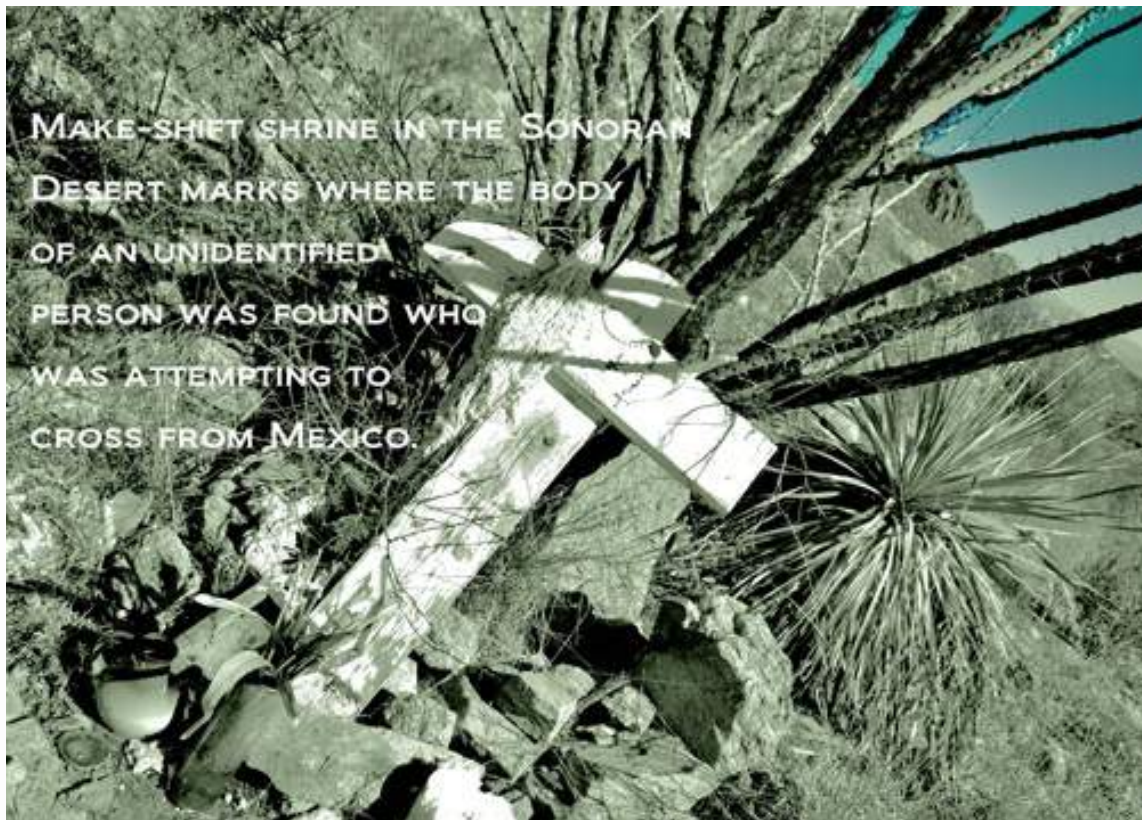


UPCOMING EVENTS

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 - October 21, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM



"Crossing Borders, Finding Home" - Rev. John Morehouse

Fri Oct 19
Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

Sat Oct 20
A Better Man - MH - 8:00

Small Group Facilitators - 10:00

Orientation - MH - 12:00

Strategic Planning Committee - YR - 2:00

Sun Oct 21
6th-7th Grade "Reflect" -

The plight of immigrants and refugees seeking sanctuary in our community has reached into the heart of caring people everywhere. What does our faith teach us about finding a way home for those most in need of our help.

Worship Associate: Shanonda Nelson

Pastoral Care Chaplain: 9:00 Jason Black - 11:00 Ron Taylor

Music: Chamber Choir sings both services

**Rev. Frank, Minister Emeritus, will preach on Sunday, October 28th.
His sermon is titled "My Dog Parker and Me"**

Sunday, October 7, 2018



"Sanctuary for all Creatures Great and Small"



Our next Orientation will be on
Saturday, October 20 from 12:00-3:00
at the Meeting House

It's a great way to learn more about Unitarian Universalism, this community, and to get to know some more folks both new to this congregation and some of us who have been around awhile. The session 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.

Please click here to let us know that you will be attending: David Vita - david@uwestport.org

MH - 10:00

OWL Parents - YR -
10:00

OWL - OWL Room -
10:00

Meditation - Children's
Chapel - 10:15

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

Strategic Planning
Committee - EW - 2:00

Mon Oct 22

Bell Choir - 6:45

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

NVC Practice Group - FR
- 6:30

Wed Oct 24

Buddhist Practice Group
- MH - 7:00

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

Thurs Oct 25

Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Membership Team - EW
- 7:30

Men's/Women's Choir -
7:45

Fri Oct 26

UU Movie Discussion -
MH - 7:30

Sun Oct 28

Addiction & Recovery
Ministry (ARM) - EW -
9:00

Meditation - Elm Room -
10:15

Meditation - Children's
Chapel - 10:15

OWL Parents - YR -

Your COM wants to know!

The Committee on Ministries ensures the fulfillment of our congregation's mission and vision to *Inspire, Connect, and Act*. As the input of the people who make up our congregation is essential to our charge, we want to hear from you. We kicked off the new year with you at the EXPO by asking for your thoughts on being of service, and we heard so many valuable comments that we want to hear more. We will have a table in the foyer the third Sunday of each month to answer your questions and listen to your feedback and ideas. To help make this easy for everyone, we will have a question of the month... and a little treat. This month's questions are: *What is sanctuary to you? How has TUCW provided sanctuary to you, and how have you provided sanctuary?* Our next COM table discussion is happening on October 21st after each service. Please stop by to talk with a member of your COM.



10:00

OWL - OWL Room -
10:00

6th-7th Grade "Learn" -
MH - 11:00

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

Women's Group
Planning Session - MH -
12:30

Mon Oct 29

Bell Choir - 6:45

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

O&A - 7:45

Tues Oct 30

Facilities Advisory Team
- Rev. John's office - 6:30

Wed Oct 31

Buddhist Practice Group
- MH - 7:00

Thurs Nov 1

Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Men's/Women's Choir -
7:45

Fri Nov 2

Shawl Ministry - MH -
12:30

Bakersfield Mist -
Sanctuary - 8:00

Sat Nov 3

Bakersfield Mist -
Sanctuary - 8:00

Sun Nov 4

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
END - FALL BACK**

OWL Parents - YR -
10:00

OWL - OWL Room -
10:00

There will be a Circle of Remembrance for Sarah Louise Kish
on Sunday, October 21st at 12:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

We extend sympathy to the family of Gail Deaver.

Many will remember Gail as a long-time member who moved to Florida
with her husband, Irwin, several years ago.



Trout Brook Valley Preserve

Let's hike together!

Gian Morresi and Jamie Forbes thought it would be fun to meet up with fellow Thoreau worshipers for a walk in the woods!

When: Saturday, October 20 at 10:00 am (unless it's raining in which case we will reschedule)

Where: Trout Brook Valley Preserve, Weston. Meet at the parking lot at the end of Bradley Road in Weston. (dogs allowed)

More details: From the Bradley Road parking lot there are a few trails to choose from depending on how far you want to hike and what level of difficulty. You can find a map of the trails online at www.mappery.com/maps/Trout-Brook-Valley-

[Preserve](#). No need to RSVP, just meet up at 10am.

Any questions call Gian (203-243-4587) or Jamie (203-521-3848)

Meditation - Children's Chapel - 10:15

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

Immigration Social Action - Sanctuary - 12:30

Bakersfield Mist - Sanctuary - 3:00



Holiday Jewelry Boutique is Coming !!

The first two Sundays in December

Donate your jewelry and scarves. Also, broken gold and silver jewelry.

Your castoff will be someone else's fabulous find!

Bring your contributions to the Church Office and include your name so we can send you a receipt.

Questions to Sharon - sharon@slpoole.com

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

Ministers' Discretionary Fund in Need of Funds

The Ministers' Discretionary Fund is used by the ministers to assist those in our congregation and community with such basic human needs as shelter, food, transportation, and medicine. It is also used occasionally to provide funds for educational advancement. The MDF is in need of additional donations. This Fund is not supported by the budget of the congregation. It relies on individual donations. With the holidays approaching the need increases. Thank you for your support. ~ Rev. John



Building Your Own Theology is Back!

Rev. John had to cancel earlier dates but we will have six sessions of this great course Sundays November 4, 11, 18 and December 2, 9, 16. BYOT explores each participants spiritual journey and helps them discover for themselves their own "theology" or system of greater meaning. Registration is required and is limited. Please register by emailing Rev. John - revjohn@uwestport.org.

Meditation is led by Janet Luongo and others from 10:15 to 10:45 every Sunday in the Children's Chapel/Maple Room) by the downstairs entrance. We center on our inner light and sense our inter-connectedness with all, using a variety of traditions from mindfulness and music to yoga and Zen.

For more information, contact Janet Luongo - jluego3@optonline.net



#MeToo Sacred Circles for Healing



Hardly a day goes by that we do not hear about yet another instance of sexual harassment, abuse or assault - but the ongoing confirmation process for Judge Kavanaugh has been nearly overwhelming. No matter what ultimately happens to Brett Kavanaugh and the women who accuse the Supreme Court nominee of sexual misconduct, the Senate hearing on the allegations will offer a historic test of the #MeToo movement. While we have witnessed the removal of men like Harvey Weinstein, Al Franken, Matt Laurer and Charlie Rose, our congregation's response to #MeToo is also about believing survivors and offering safe places for speaking out and healing. The treatment of Kavanaugh's accusers raises questions about whether these parts of the mission of the larger movement will remain largely unfulfilled.

In passing the Resolution last June, we affirmed a commitment to responding effectively to sexual harassment, abuse and assault within our walls and in our communities and to reach out both within our denomination and to other communities of faith to invite partnership in addressing #MeToo issues. This month our congregation, in partnership with the Saugatuck Congregational Church, will be offering #MeToo Interfaith Sacred Circles for Healing.

Please check out the [attached flyer](#) and if you, or someone you know might like to participate in these inaugural sessions, e-mail metoo@uwestport.org or call Lynda for more information and register to attend.

Lynda Shannon Bluestein, MPH
Chair, #MeToo Team

Come to a Potluck

Friday, October 19th, 6:30 PM at the home of
Maria Mendoza-Smith in New Canaan

Bring something to share or, if you are too tired to cook, just come.

All women are invited.

RSVP to Sudha Sankar - sudhasankar100@yahoo.com



What is TUCWomen? Ministry by women for women.

We sponsor, organize and produce activities, gatherings, worship, and education relevant to the women of UU Westport.

We facilitate mutual support among women.

We rally women's participation in support of TUCW

Come to a Planning Meeting

Sunday, October 28, 12:30 PM in the Meeting House

Bring your ideas about the activities, focus and priorities of our UU Westport women's community.

Are you receiving TUCWomen email notices? If not or if you are not sure

[Add me to TUCWomen email list](#)

Questions about TUCWomen? Send them to tucwomen@uwestport.org



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.

UPCOMING SERVICES

October 28, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM

"My Dog Parker and Me" - Rev. Frank Hall, Minister Emeritus

November 4, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM

The Moral Power of Memory (Veterans Day)

November 11, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM

"In Memory of Them" - Rev. John Morehouse

November 18, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

November 25 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM

David Vita, Director of Social Justice and Membership, will preach.



LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018



THIS WEEK INFORMATION for (Pre-K to 5)

This week we have enough volunteers for all three classrooms to be open!
Prek-1 Pine Room both services,
2nd-3rd Oak Room 11:00 am service only
4th-5th Birch Room 11:00 am service only

Parents Reminder:

This week at the 11:00 am service, children 2nd-5th grade start upstairs for story in the sanctuary.

Parents, if possible, sign your children in their classrooms downstairs ahead of time, if not possible, please walk them down when story is over and sign them in then. Thank you.

Theme: Sanctuary

Topic: A place of protecting all beings

Principal #7: We care for our planet, our home, and all living things.



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



then,



[CLICK HERE](#) for PreK-1st FAMILY "take-home" for SUNDAY, October 21, 2018

[CLICK HERE](#) for 2nd-3rd FAMILY "take-home" for SUNDAY, October 21, 2018

[CLICK HERE](#) for 4th-5th FAMILY "take-home" for SUNDAY, October 21, 2018

~ATTENTION 4th-5th grade PARENTS~
Our 4th/5th grade OWL (Our Whole Lives) program is starting to take shape!
January 2019 through April 2019 (exact dates TBD).





Sign-up sheet will be available in Sandra's office on the chair. Please feel free to come in and sign up even if she is not there. Or contact Sandra Clements to sign up via:

phone: 203-227-7205 x 15 wk or 203-216-7708 text/cell

email: sandra203@yahoo.com or sandra@uwestport.org

We are still in need of volunteers to teach LFD for 4th and 5th graders at 11:00 am for some Sundays.

Please feel free to sign up here at
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054ea8a923a02-45th2>
or call **Sandra Clements** 203-216-7708 cell/text

We still need:

- * 11/11 need **two** volunteers
- * 1/6 need one volunteer
- * 1/13 need one volunteer
- * 2/3 need one volunteer
- * 3/3 need one volunteer
- * 3/24 need **two** volunteers



YOUTH GROUP



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



SOME DATES:

- * **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.