



The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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

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

We named him after my favorite Unitarian minister, Theodore Parker 1810-1860. So I'll tell you why he's my favorite and in doing so we'll have a chance to catch up a little.

Worship Associate: Doug Flam

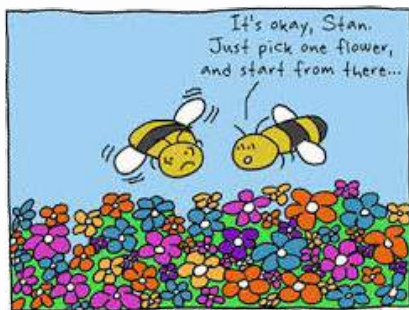
Pastoral Care Chaplain: 9:00 Julia Wyant
11:00 Shari Brennan

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Rev. John will inaugurate and lead a self-care support group for those of us feeling overwhelmed by the events and politics of our times.

The group will meet for six Sundays starting November 4th from 10:15-10:45 in Rev. John's office. All are welcome.

Fri Oct 26
UU Movie Discussion - MH - 7:30

Sun Oct 28
Addiction & Recovery Ministry (ARM) - EW - 9:00

Meditation - Children's Chapel - 10:15

OWL Parents - YR - 10:00

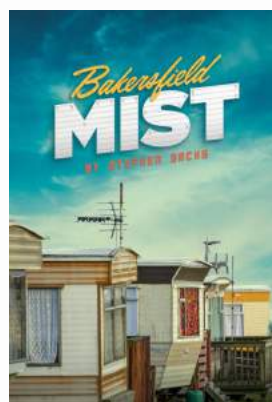
OWL - OWL Room - 10:00

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

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.



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 - 6:00

Stewardship Committee - FR - 7:00

Courageous Faith Team - Rev. John's Office - 7:00

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



In an effort to more adequately address the worship needs of the whole congregation, we are trying a bit of an experiment in November and December. There will not be all the busyness of our later service but an opportunity to settle into a more contemplative space.

Starting the first Sunday in November, our 9:00 am service will include a longer time for meditation and a shorter homily. The choirs will not perform for the 9:00 am service but there will be instrumental music and several songs for us to sing. Occasionally we will have a special musician.

We hope you will try this new experience.
Rev. John and Rev. Ed

Beardsley School News



Thank you to the many UU's who read to classes

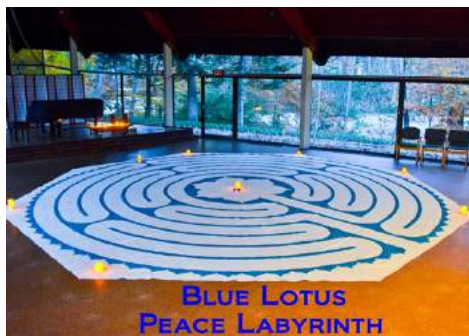
during the Bridgeport Read Aloud Day.
We think the readers enjoyed it as much as the children did

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@uuwestport.org.



ELECTION DAY: VOTE and then come and walk the LABYRINTH in the sanctuary. A perfect way to "let go" when there's nothing more to do!



Walk the Blue Lotus Peace Labyrinth any time between 12:00 Noon and 9:00PM on November 6, 2018, in the sanctuary, accompanied by contemplative music in the beautiful glass-walled space. Many who walk labyrinths as a regular practice report that this special form of walking meditation is deeply calming, and that the experience of profound Inner Peace, like other forms of meditation, can be transformational long after the walk,

challenging and shifting one's perspective in positive and supportive ways. Like "Yoga Off the Mat," insights from the labyrinth experience can inspire a greater sense of equanimity in challenging times.

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



Meditation - Children's Chapel - 10:15

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

Building Your Own Theology - EW - 12:30

Immigration Social Action - Sanctuary - 12:30

Bakersfield Mist - Sanctuary - 3:00

Mon Nov 5
NVC Practice - FR - 6:30

Bell Choir - 6:45

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

O&A - 7:45

Tues Nov 6
Labyrinth - Sanctuary - noon-9:00

Wed Nov 7
Stewardship Committee - FR - 7:00

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

Eliminating racism - EW - 7:30

Chamber Choir - 7:45

Thurs Nov 8
Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Special Projects Choir - 7:45

Sat Nov 10
United w/Kenya Retreat - EW - 8:30-12

Youth Group Lock-In - MH - 1:00

Pastoral Care Associates - Chapel - 1:00



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@uuwestport.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 - jluongo3@optonline.net



Celebration of the life of Vidal Clay will take place on Saturday, November 10 from 4:00-8:00 pm in the Sanctuary.



The Unitarian Church in Westport will be hosting an interfaith Thanksgiving service on Thursday, November 15th at 7:30 pm.



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

Sun Nov 11
6th-7th Grade "Reflect" - 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

Building Your Own Theology - EW - 12:30

TUCWomen's Brown Bag Lunch - MH - 12:30

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

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



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.

[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

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 28, 2018

THIS WEEK INFORMATION for (Pre-K to 5)

Theme: Sanctuary

Topic: Inner silence

UU Principal #6: We work for a peaceful, fair, and free world.

Parents Reminder: CHAPEL THIS WEEK (2nd-5th grade 11:00 am

service)

Pre-K- 1st grade

* 9:00 am and 11:00 am service

* LOWER LEVEL - PINE Room

[CLICK HERE](#) for PreK-1st FAMILY "take-home" for SUNDAY, October 28, 2018

2nd-5th grade CHAPEL

* 11:00 am service only

* LOWER LEVEL - Theme: Sanctuary

[CLICK HERE](#) for Chapel "take-home" for SUNDAY, October 28, 2018



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

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



Here are the available dates:

- * 11/11 need **two** volunteers
- * 1/6 need one volunteer
- * 2/3 need one volunteer
- * 3/3 need one volunteer
- * 3/24 need **two** volunteers
- * 4/21 need **two** volunteers

Please sign up here at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054ea8a923a02-45th2>

or call [Saundra Clements](mailto:Saundra.Clements) 203-216-7708 cell/text

4th/5th grade OWL DATES. Sign up your child now. Sign up sheet is in Saundra's Office.

*** Tuesday January 22nd - 7:00 pm Parent Info Session**

*** Sunday January 27th - 9:00 am - 1130 am Mandatory Parent/Child Orientation**

*** Sessions 1-10 occur weekly on Sundays at 9:00 am from February 3rd through April 7th**



YOUTH GROUP



Sixth and Seventh Graders Ella, AnnaRenee, Nina, Westley and Michael taking a quick rest after preparing and serving lunch at Gillespie House on October 21st.

Pumpkin picking event this Saturday, October 27. We meet at the church at 12:00 and go to Silverman's farm. I need a few parent volunteers still and if you want to meet us there you can. Please email zhasan@uwestport.org to let me know if you can make it. Thanks!

Youth group this Sunday, October 28. We will carve our pumpkins and have our own little Halloween celebration! Feel free to dress up and bring treats!



We are going to have our first lock-in of the year on November 10 at 2:00 pm. Bring your sleeping bags, and come and enjoy the best bonding experience with your fellow youth groupers! Please RSVP at zhasan@uwestport.org.

Mark your calendars! We are having our first midnight run on December 8. If you'd like to get more involved, let Zulaikha know at zhassn@uuwestport.org



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



SOME DATES:

- * **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.