



The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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November 18 is Bring a Friend Sunday

- Would you like your friends to understand what you're doing when you go to church on Sunday?
- Have you been meaning to invite that person who has expressed an interest in visiting but hasn't quite gotten around to it?
- Or have you benefited so much from being a part of this spiritual community that you just feel inspired to share it with others?



Whatever your reason here's a chance to bring your friends to church for an hour of music, reflection, and community!

The new 9:00 Contemplative Service might be just right for your more meditative friends and the 11:00 will explore the idea of radically welcoming others into our lives.

We'll have some delicious soup- free to first-time visitors- and other tasty refreshments.

So Bring a Friend on Sunday, November 18. What better way to celebrate ourselves than by sharing "us" with the wider community, especially people that you know and like

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.



Fri Nov 16
Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

Sat Nov 17
A Better Man - MH - 8:00

Special Projects Choir - Sanctuary - 9:00

Small Group Facilitators - MH - 10:00

Voices Cafe - Sanctuary - 8:00

Sun Nov 18
OWL Parents - YR -

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

"Invited to the Feast" - Rev. John Morehouse
This service will explore the story of the Good Samaritan as it relates to becoming radically welcoming.

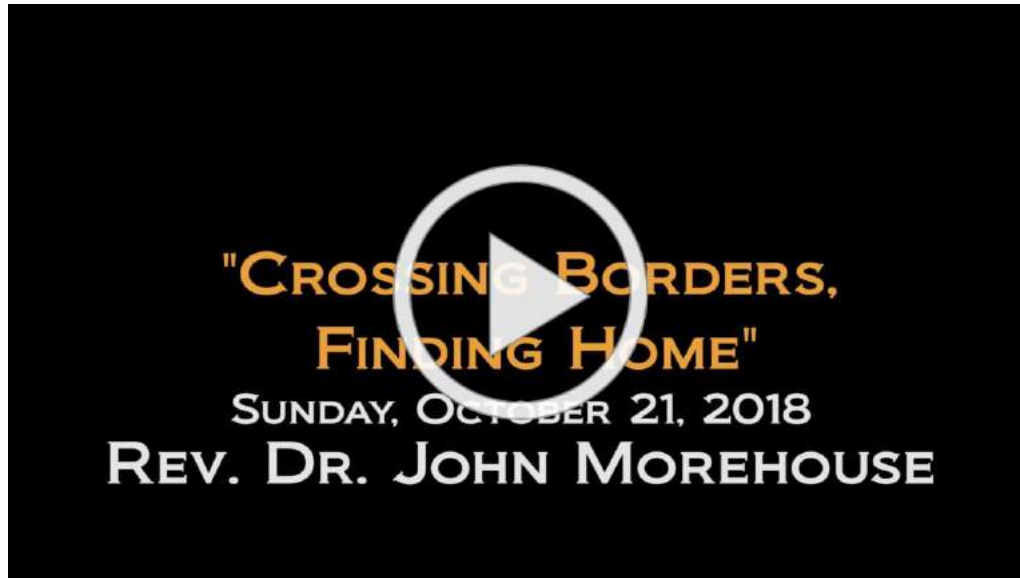
Worship Associate: 9:00 Linda Hudson
11:00 Connie Rockman

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

Music: Children's Choir and Teen Choir



Sunday, October 21, 2018



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

Joe Jencks at Voices Café - Saturday, November 17 at 8:00 pm



Merging conservatory training with his Irish roots and working-class upbringing, Joe delivers engaged musical narratives filled with heart, soul, groove and grit. Having penned several #1 Folksongs including the ever-relevant Lady of The Harbor, Jencks is also co-founder of the harmony trio, Brother Sun. From Festivals like Falcon Ridge, Kerrville, Mariposa, and Old Songs, to venues like Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall, Jencks has enthralled diverse

audiences with his approachable style. Joe is noted for his unique merging of musical beauty, social consciousness, and spiritual exploration. Blending well-crafted instrumentals and vivid songwriting, Jencks serves it all up with a lyric baritone voice that has the edgy richness of a good sea-salt caramel.

[CLICK HERE](https://voicescafe.org/show/joe-jencks-with-heather-pierson/) for tickets -
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Introducing Rev. Shelly Thompson

Hello, Dear Ones,

I am Rev. Shelly Thompson, and I am delighted to be your new Assistant Minister for Faith Formation! A little bit about my background: I was raised by wonderful parents along with my two older brothers, in the San Francisco Bay Area. I grew up



10:00

OWL - OWL Room - 10:00

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

Self-Care Support Group - Rev. John's Office - 10:15

Strategic Planning Team - Sanctuary - 12:15

Building Your Own Theology - EW - 12:30

Mon Nov 19
Bell Choir - 6:45

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

Intern Minister Committee - Lib - 7:00

O&A - 7:45

Tues Nov 20
BOT - EW - 7:00

Wed Nov 21
Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 7:00

Sun Nov 25
OWL - OWL Room - 10:00

OWL Parents - YR - 10:00

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

Self-Care Support Group - Rev. John's office - 10:15

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

Mon Nov 26
NVC Practice Group - FR - 6:30

Bell Choir - 6:45

Tues Nov 27

going to the Congregational church which was open to questions about faith, but ultimately, was not a theological match for me. In my early twenties...[CLICK HERE](#) for more.

40 Year Tradition Continues -- Community Thanksgiving Day Feast



Once again our congregation is participating in the 40 year tradition of the annual community Thanksgiving Day Feast, this year being held at Christ and Holy Trinity, 75 Church Lane, Westport. Members of our congregation volunteer to help in a myriad of ways from table setting to turkey carving. Right now there are two areas where volunteer support is needed:

1. Drivers are needed to assist folks without transportation to enable them to come together for Thanksgiving. Please click here for details and to sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f4ba5a92d6-20181>
2. Donations of beverages and paper goods to help make the Thanksgiving Feast in Westport a success! Drop-off on Wednesday, November 21. Can you contribute? Please click here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094aa9a92fa4f49-thanksgiving>

First Midnight Run on December 8.

We are still asking for donations. There are three bins in the foyer for clothing - shirts/sweaters, coats, and pants. But everything is welcome. For more information, contact Zulaikha Hasan, Acting Youth Programming Coordinator - zhasan@uwestport.org.



Come join us for a hike in the woods!



Join us on our next hike in Devil's Den! Let's meet up at 10:00 am on Saturday, November 17 at the parking lot at the end of Pent Road in Weston. Check our website (<https://groups.io/g/TUCW-hiking>) for cancelation due to heavy rain.

UCW's Hiking Group Calendar

Saturday, Nov.17: Devil's Den Preserve, Weston
Saturday, Dec.1: Saugatuck Ravine Trail, Redding
Saturday, Dec.15: Bennett's Pond State Park, Ridgefield

Any questions contact Gian Morresi (gmorresi@gmail.com) or Jamie Forbes (jforbes1@gmail.com)

Leadership Training

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

Ethical Food Ministry -
EW - 7:00

Wed Nov 28

Buddhist Practice Group
- MH - 7

Stewardship Committee
- FR - 7:00

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

Chamber Choir - 7:45

Thurs Nov 29

Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Special Projects Choir -
7:45

Fri Nov 30

Shawl Ministry - MH -
12:30

UU Movie Discussion -
MH - 7:30

Sun Dec 2

Jewelry Sale after each
service - EW

Wreath Sales after both
services - Courtyard

Self-Care Support Group
- Rev. John's office -
10:15

OWL - OWL Room -
10:30

OWL Parents - YR -
10:15

Meditation - Elm Room -
10:15

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

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

Immigration Social Action

Join Rev. John for an engaging series of classes designed to enrich your leadership development skills as you continue through your UU faith journey. Based on the UUA's **Harvest the Power** leadership development program, the series equally benefits both new and experienced leaders. This year's 12 sessions will run from January - March 2019, on Sundays from 12-2:30, and will be divided into 3 modules: Identity, Purpose and Path. Modules run in 4 consecutive sessions each. Participation in all 3 modules is encouraged, but not required. If interested, please contact the Leadership Development Team at ldt@uwestport.org.



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



[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and application

Your input needed!



After the 11:00 am service on November 18th join members of the board and the strategic planning committee to provide your feedback to the draft strategic plan that came out of the congregational conversations and survey in September.

You can view the draft strategic plan on our website. Preparing a new strategic plan has been the first step in a series of events leading up to the prospective launch of a Capital Campaign that will enable TUCW to address deferred repairs, replacements and upgrades to our facilities - all with an eye to realizing our mission, vision and strategies.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the draft strategic plan.

Orientation- Saturday, December 8 from 9:00-12:00

On Saturday, December 8 from 9:00-12:00 we're having an orientation for folks new to Unitarian Universalism. It's a great way to get to know some more people both new to this congregation and some of us who have been around awhile. I always enjoy seeing people who have attended the orientation chatting over coffee the next Sunday! The day 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.

New to this community?
It would be great if you can join us at the Orientation.

Please let me know so that we can plan accordingly

[David Vita, Director of Social Justice and Membership - david@uwestport.org](mailto:david@uwestport.org).



Thank you.



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

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



TUCWomen

Come to our **Holiday Potluck** at the home of Chris Place in New Canaan. Friday, December 7th, 6:30 PM. Bring something to share or just come. There is always plenty.

RSVP - sharon@slpoole.com

Are you receiving TUCWomen email notices?
If not or if you are not sure sign up here --> [Add me to the list!](#)

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



Holiday Jewelry Boutique is Coming !!

December 2nd and 9th after each service.

Donate those scarves and jewelry that aren't your favorites anymore.

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

Questions to Sharon - sharon@slpoole.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 15, Saturday, annual pot-luck and carol sing.
December 16, Sunday, annual holiday concert at 11:00 am
February 23, Saturday, Choral Chameleon concert at 8:00 pm

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 25 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM

"Immigration in 4 Parts" - David Vita, Director of Social Justice and Membership

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

THIS WEEK INFORMATION for (Pre-K to 5)

Topic: Remembering Life's Gifts and Grace

Theme: Memory

UU Principal #1: Each and every person is important

UU Principal #3: We should accept one another and keep learning together.

Pre-K- 1st grade

* 9:00 am and 11:00 am service

* LOWER LEVEL - PINE Room

2nd-5th grade

* 9:00 and 11:00 am service: *enjoy the service together with your family in the sanctuary*



ALL CONGREGATION THANKSGIVING SERVICE

[CLICK HERE](#) for PreK-5 FAMILY "take-home" for SUNDAY, November 18, 2018

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



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



We still need:

- * 1/6 need one (1) volunteer
- * 1/13 need one (1) volunteer
- * 2/3 need one (1) volunteer
- * 3/3 need one (1) volunteer
- * 3/24 need two (2) volunteers
- * 4/21 need two (2) volunteers

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

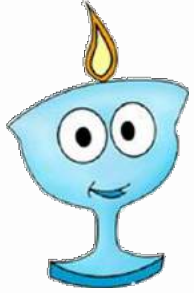
or call [Saundra Clements](#) 203-216-7708 cell/text

ATTENTION 4th-5th grade PARENTS

Our 4th/5th grade OWL (Our Whole Lives) program is starting to take shape!
January 2019 through April 2019



- * **Tuesday January 22nd - 7:00 pm Parent Info Session**
- * **Sunday January 27th - 9:00 am - 11:30 am Mandatory Parent/Child Orientation**
- * **Sessions 1-10 occur weekly on Sundays at 9:00 am from February 3rd through April 7th**



Sign-up sheet will be available in Sandra's office.
Please feel free to come in and sign up even if she is not there.

Or contact Sandra Clements to sign up via:
203-227-7205 x 15 wk
203-216-7708 text/cell
email Sandra Clements - sandra@uwestport.org

YOUTH GROUP

Mark your calendars! We are having our first midnight run on December 8.

If you'd like to get more involved, let Zulaikha Hasan know at zhasan@uwestport.org. Acting Youth Programming Coordinator, know. We are going to be collecting clothing donations starting this Sunday, November 11. There are three bins in the foyer for clothing - shirts/sweaters, coats, and pants. But everything is welcome.



This week will not have youth group as it's multigenerational.

We might meet for 10 minutes afterwards.



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



SOME DATES:

- * **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.

