



# The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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## SUNDAY SERVICE - December 16, 2018 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM

*"Holy Days, Holy Nights"*

**Worship Associate:** Joanne Orenstein

**Pastoral Care Chaplain:** 9:00 Shari Brennan  
11:00 Jim Francek

**Music:** 9:00 Contemplative  
11:00 Special Projects Choir

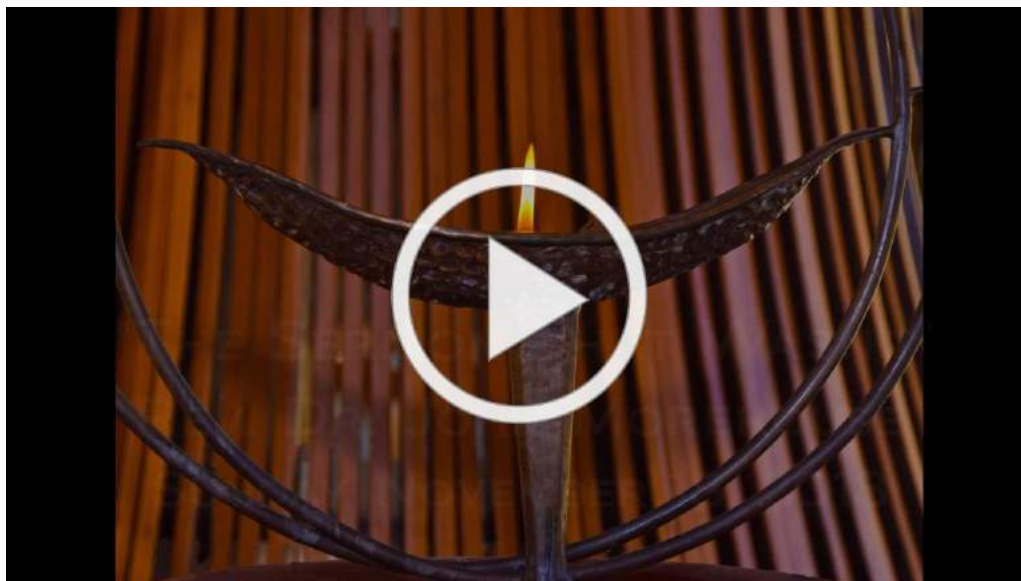


## UPCOMING EVENTS

*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.*



Sunday, November 18, 2018



**"The Sermon That Wasn't" - Rev. John Morehouse**

**Fri Dec 14**  
Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

**Sat Dec 15**  
A Better Man - MH - 8:00

Special Projects rehearsal -  
9:00

Small Group Facilitators -  
MH - 10:00

Congregational Holiday  
Party/Potluck - Sanctuary -  
6:00

**Sun Dec 16**  
Amnesty International:

**SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 15, 2018 - 6:00-8:00 pm**  
Its that time again for our

# HOLIDAY PARTY!



## 6:00 pm POTLUCK

Potluck sign-up sheets are on front tables

## 6:30-7:00 pm Guess "WHO'S THAT DIVINE

### BABY?" Game.

EVERYONE PLEASE BRING A BABY PICTURE (with your name on the back) or make a copy of one of your baby pictures. We will be using your pictures to decorate the tree! It will be returned to you the same night - or you can leave your picture or copy of picture in the basket by the 'food sign up sheets' located by the front door.



## 7:00 - 8:00 pm Caroling sing-along with Ed Thompson



Don't miss the fun of the Annual Christmas/Holiday potluck and sing-along, Saturday, December 15, at 6:00.

If you are not able to make the pot-lick, come to sing. (The caroling begins at 7:00.)

[CLICK HERE](#) for details and RSVP or if you prefer: RSVP on the clipboard in the foyer on Sunday.



## Christmas Service Schedule

Sunday, December 23rd services are 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Monday, December 24th the Pageant Service is at 4:00 PM

Monday, December 24th Candlelight Service is at 9:00 PM



## Blue Christmas Worship Service

December 21, 2018, 7:00pm-8:00 PM

Lead by Margalie Belizaire, Intern Minister

We recognize that the holiday season can be a sad and difficult time for some. We want to acknowledge this and make room for it; for you, if this is your story. So, I invite you to come and be in a reflective space for the holding of your spirit without

Letter Writing Event - EW - 9:30-1:00

6th-7th Grade "Reflect" - MH - 10:00

8th Grade OWL - OWL Room - 10:00

8th Grade OWL Parents - YR - 10:00

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

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

Building Your Own Theology - Chapel - 12:30

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

**Mon Dec 17**  
Interim Minister Committee - Lib - 7:00

Bell Choir - 6:45

O&A - 7:45

**Tues Dec 18**  
BOT - EW - 7:00

**Wed Dec 19**  
Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 6:30

Stewardship Committee - FR - 7:00

**Thurs Dec 20**  
Pageant Rehearsal - 5:00

Finance Committee - FR - 6:00

Special Projects Choir - 7:45

**Fri Dec 21**  
Blue Christmas Service - Sanctuary - 7:00

**Sat Dec 22**  
Christmas Eve Choir - 10:00

Pageant rehearsal - 12:00

**Sun Dec 23**  
8th Grade OWL - OWL Room - 10:30

8th Grade OWL Parents - YR - 10:15

Meditation - Elm Room -



the trappings of commercialism.

10:15

6th-7th Grade "Learn" - MH - 10:00

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

Christmas Eve Choir - 5:00  
**Mon Dec 24**  
Pageant Rehearsal - Sanctuary - 2:00

Pageant Service - - Sanctuary - 4:00

Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary - 9:00

**Wed Dec 26**  
Worship Associates - Rev. John's office - 7:00

**Fri Dec 28**  
Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

UU Movie Discussion - MH - 7:30

**Sun Dec 30**  
8th Grade OWL - OWL Room - 10:30

8th Grade OWL Parents - YR - 10:15

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

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

**The church business office will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (December 24-26) in observance of the Christmas holiday. Happy Holidays to all!**



## ANNUAL PAGEANT

For several decades we have been producing a Pageant, complete with costumes and carols. It has become a well-loved and magical event for several reasons, but mostly because of the joy which the children bring to us. This event is not just for choir members but for any child (ages 6 to 13 or so). There is room for everyone in the Pageant!!!

Here are a few things to remember:

**\* It would be very helpful if you could [please sign up on line HERE.](#)**

I will then have a way to be in touch with you and send details.

**\* There will be three rehearsals:**

- 1) December 13, Thursday at 5:00 pm
- 2) December 20, Thursday at 5:00 pm
- 3) December 22, Saturday at 12:00 pm

On Christmas eve, December 24th (Monday) the dress rehearsal is at 2:00 pm; the Pageant at 4:00 pm.

For questions/concerns, please be in touch with Ed Thompson 203-227-72-5 ext.18 or [Ed@uuwestport.org](mailto:Ed@uuwestport.org)



## Amnesty International Write for Rights this Sunday in the East Wing



Every December, Amnesty supporters across the globe will write millions of letters and take action for those whose basic human rights are being attacked. They are people like you, continuing a long tradition of writing letters to right some of the world's biggest wrongs.

A few minutes of your time could make a lifetime's difference to them.



**As a community partner with the Westport Country Playhouse we are able to make this special offer.**

**The Pianist of Willesden Lane** returns to the Playhouse by popular demand! Grammy nominated pianist and storyteller Mona Golabek shares her mother's gripping tale of escape from Vienna in 1938 through the Kindertransport. Broadway World called it "Stunning theatre that will leave you emotionally breathless...a theatrical experience not to be missed." Use code **LANE** to save \$10 per ticket.



Visit <https://www.westportplayhouse.org/Pianist> for more information or to purchase your tickets.

*you are not alone!*

#### Four Assumptions About Addiction:

**We all have addictive tendencies.** Human beings are addictive by nature. When issues or problems surface we seek resolution, relief or escape. Personal traumas can be the occasion for setting destructive patterns of response for a lifetime. Whether starting with our personal ways of thinking and behaving or attached to a substance, person or behavior... we can get trapped. The pursuit of **MORE** in the face of negative physical, emotional, spiritual, financial or legal consequences surely confirms we have landed in the swirling pool of addiction. The pursuit of "MORE" often creates a flood of adrenaline that we become seriously attached to. [READ MORE...](#)

#### Come join us for a hike in the woods!

**Saturday, December 15:**  
**Bennett's Pond State Park, Ridgefield**

Check our website (<https://groups.io/g/TUCW-hiking>) for any updates or cancellations

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



#### TUCWomen

Our next **Quotable Women Brown Bag Lunch** is this Sunday, December 16th after the 11:00 AM service. Our Guide will be Shanonda Nelson who will use poetry to lead a conversation about resilience and adaptability. Plan to come and enjoy the wisdom and compassion of the women of our Church Community.

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](mailto:tucwomen@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 - [jlungo3@optonline.net](mailto:jlungo3@optonline.net)

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



[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about our Pastoral Care Associates.

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**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).

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**December 21, 2018 - 7:00-8:00 PM**  
**Blue Christmas Worship Service**  
**- Intern Minister Margalie Belizaire**

**December 23, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**Rev. Shelly Thompson will preach.**

**December 24, 2018**  
**Our traditional pageant at 4:00 pm**  
**and our Candlelight Service at 9:00 pm**

**December 30, 2018 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**"It's That Time of Year Again"**  
**- Intern Minister Margalie Belizaire**



# LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

THIS WEEK INFORMATION for (Pre-K to 5)

Theme: THE MYSTERY OF US

Topic: Mystery

UU Source #1: Each and every person is important



## Pre-K- 1st grade

\* 9:00 am and 11:00 am service

\* LOWER LEVEL - Pine Room

## 2nd-3rd grade

\* 11:00 am service: start upstairs for story/Oak Room

## 4th-5th grade

\* 11:00 am service: start upstairs for story/Birch Room

[CLICK HERE](#) for PreK-5 FAMILY "take-home" for SUNDAY, December 16, 2018

**Families please pick up your children after the service ends 😊 Together, get that snack, juice & cup of coffee.**



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:

\* 1/13 need (1) volunteer

\* 2/10 need (1) volunteer

\* 3/24 need two (2) volunteers

\* 4/21 need two (2) Easter Sunday volunteers from 11:30-12:00

Please sign up here at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054ea8a923a02-45th2>

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

## STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!

4th/5th grade OWL - January-April 2019

Please contact Jen Boland: [jenboland24@gmail.com](mailto:jenboland24@gmail.com)

or Jason Sandler: [sandman933@gmail.com](mailto:sandman933@gmail.com)

\* 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

**Volunteers needed for Youth Group.** If interested, contact Zulaikha Hasan, Youth Program Coordinator - [zhasan@uwestport.org](mailto:zhasan@uwestport.org).



Mark Your Calendars

# EVENTS



### SOME DATES:

- \* **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.