



# The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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

### *"It's That Time of Year Again"* - Intern Minister Margalie Belizaire

Intern Minister Margalie will explore the different ways that people celebrate during this time of holidays.

**Worship Associate:** Shanonda Nelson

**Pastoral Care Chaplain:** 9:00 Marie-Claire Bue  
11:00 Ron Taylor



## 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, December 9, 2018



"Letting the Mystery Heal Us" - Rev. John Morehouse

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

UU Movie Discussion -  
MH - 7:30

**Sun Dec 30**  
Meditation - Elm Room  
- 10:15

**Wed Jan 2**  
Buddhist Practice  
Group - MH - 6:30

Stewardship



### Welcoming Visitors - Greeters Needed

*Good morning! Welcome!* Don't those words make you smile on a Sunday Morning when someone opens the door and invites you in. Would you be willing to be the person at the door wishing visitors and friends welcome?

The Membership Committee is seeking church members to act as Greeters at the Welcome Table at the front door of the church on Sunday mornings. Greeters provide information about our church, our

programs, Unitarian Universalism and, above all, make visitors feel welcome. If you are interested in becoming a Greeter and/or want more information, please contact Stephen Polmar - [stephen.polmar@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.polmar@gmail.com).

Committee - FR - 7:00

Eliminating Racism - EW - 7:30

Chamber Choir - 7:45

### Thurs Jan 3

Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

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

### Sat Jan 5

Sight Singing - Sanctuary - 9:30

Voice Classes - Sanctuary - 11:15

ARM - EW - 12:00

### Sun Jan 6

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

8th Grade OWL - OWL Room - 10:00

8th Grade OWL Parents - YR - 10:00

Meditation - Chapel - 10:15

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

Harvest the Power - Sanctuary - 12:30

Immigration Social Action - Sanctuary - 12:00

### Mon Jan 7

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 6:30

Bell Choir - 6:45

O&A - 7:45

### Tues Jan 8

#MeToo Council - EW -

### SIGHT-SINGING classes are scheduled as follows:

JANUARY 5, 12, 19, 26, FEBRUARY 2, 9.

These are Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00.

The sight-singing classes are free. It is necessary to sign up by sending an email to Ed Thompson - [Ed@uwestport.org](mailto:Ed@uwestport.org).



Also, there will be **VOICE CLASSES** with Marcella Calabi.

The schedule is:

JANUARY 5, 12, 19, 26, FEBRUARY 2, 9.

These are Saturday mornings from 11:15 to 1:00.

The cost per class is \$25 (auditors \$15). To sign up, please send an email to Ed Thompson - [Ed@uwestport.org](mailto:Ed@uwestport.org) or

send an email to Marcella Calabi - [mc@clarityworks.net](mailto:mc@clarityworks.net)

Please contact [Ed Thompson](mailto:Ed@uwestport.org) or [Marcella Calabi](mailto:mc@clarityworks.net) for questions.concerns.

In his famous 1897 editorial response to a child's inquiry, New York Sun editor, Francis Church, wrote, "Yes, Virginia there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist ...." In that same spirit, and spearheaded by our own Santa, Felicity Medinger, 45 UU Elves provided Christmas for nine Beardsley school families this year. Our elves purchased and wrapped multiple gifts for 23 children, 16 adults and 6 cats, dogs, turtles and ferrets. Those families will experience the magic of Christmas morning thanks to the love, generosity, and devotion of our our UU members. Francis Church would be pleased.



If you would like to be on the elf list next year, please contact Felicity at [felicitymedinger@yahoo.com](mailto:felicitymedinger@yahoo.com).

### Holiday Boutique -- A 50-Year Legacy Continues



It was about 50 years ago and it began as the Children's Market, or C-Mart. Barbara Thormahlen wanted to provide a way for young children to buy gifts for their family members. The kids arrived with their gift lists and dollar bills and volunteers helped them with their choices, but parents were not allowed. For many years Barbara's C-Mart was such a success, and so many lovely gifts were donated, that Barbara eventually gave in to the adults and let them come and 'shop' too. The Holiday Gift Boutique, later the Jewelry Boutique, expanded under Barbara's

leadership with the ongoing help of dear friends who are no longer with us like Midge Lanouette and Jean Northup, and became one of the most anticipated events of our Church year. Because of this continuous contribution to our Church, among others, Barbara and Hal Thormahlen were recognized with the Very Fine Award several years ago. It was only a few years ago that Barbara turned over the leadership of the Boutique.

The legacy continued this year and together we raised over \$7000 for the Church. It was as much fun as ever with many treasures available. Thanks go to all who made this event such a success - all who donated lovely jewelry and scarves, everyone who worked to prepare the items for sale, the many who helped with set-up, assistance during the two-Sunday sale and packing up afterwards. And, most importantly, thank you to everyone who came and shopped!

We will keep the legacy going. Your donations of jewelry and scarves are welcome all year!

**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)



7:00

Men's Choir - 8:00

**Wed Jan 9**

Domestic Violence Task Force - EW - 12:30

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

**Thurs Jan 10**

Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

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

**Fri Jan 11**

Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

**Sat Jan 12**

Sight Singing - Sanctuary - 9:30

Voice Classes - Sanctuary - 11:15

Pastoral Care Chaplains - MH - 1:00

**Sun Jan 13**

OWL - OWL Room - 10:00

OWL Parents - YR - 10:00

Meditation - Chapel - 10:15

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

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

Harvest the Power - Sanctuary - 12:30

TUCWomen Brown Bag Lunch - MH - 12:30



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



## NOCTURNAL EMISSIONS TOPIC AT UPCOMING DARWIN DAY DINNER

What is the reason for the sparks and brief glints of light which are seen in Long Island Sound? What caused the ocean to glow, as Christopher Columbus documented in 1492, just before his historic landfall in the Americas? How did they originate? What purpose did they serve? Answers to these and other questions will be revealed by Dr. Mark Siddall, speaking on "Nocturnal Emissions: Bioluminescence as a Survival Strategy" at the **11th annual Darwin Day Dinner, being held Saturday evening February 16 at the Italian Center in Stamford**. The invitation and information may be found at [darwindayct.org](http://darwindayct.org)

The annual Southern Connecticut Darwin Day Dinner has grown in attendance since its initial 2009 debut, occasioning the need for ever grander banquet halls. The event includes a cocktail hour at 6:00 PM, dinner at 7:00 PM, science quiz (with prizes!), and renowned speaker.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information. [CLICK HERE](#) for flyer.



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

## UPCOMING SERVICES

January 6, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM  
*The Power of Possibility* - Rev. John Morehouse

January 13, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM  
*The World Emerging* - Rev. John Morehouse

January 20, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM  
*Building Possibilities* - Rev. John Morehouse



## LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018



**THIS WEEK INFORMATION** for (Pre-K to 5)

**Topic:** The mystery of starting anew

**Theme:** Mystery

**UU Principal Source #1:** A sense of wonder we all share

**Pre-K- 1st grade**

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

\* LOWER LEVEL - Pine Room

**2nd-5th grade**

\* 9:00 am and 11:00 am: Feel free to have your children enjoy the service with you in the sanctuary.

[CLICK HERE](#) for PreK-5 FAMILY "take-home" for SUNDAY, December 30, 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).

**No OWL Sunday, December 23 or December 30.**



Mark Your Calendars

**EVENTS**



**SOME DATES:**

- \* 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.

