

The logo features a stylized teal flame or leaf shape on the left, composed of horizontal lines. To its right, the text "The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings" is displayed in a teal, sans-serif font. "The Unitarian" and "Soundings" are in a larger font size than "Church in Westport".

# The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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**Come and take a soul journey with Tracy Grammer & Jim Henry**  
**Voices Café ~ Saturday, January 26 at 8:00 pm**



**TRACY GRAMMER** is one of contemporary folk music's most beloved artists. Renowned for her spring water-clear alto, perfectly intoned violin, and guitar playing that is by turns percussive and delicate, Grammer is also a gifted storyteller whose incantations add a rare mixture of vulnerability, intimacy, and hard-won insight to her performances. As one fan puts it, "With Tracy, it's never just about the music; it's a soul journey."

**Jim Henry** has a well established reputation as a terrific musician who can play just about anything with strings as well as sing lead, harmony, and write great songs and arrangements.

Listen to Tracy and Jim:

## 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.*



**Fri Jan 25**  
Shawl Ministry - MH -  
12:30

UU Movie Discussion-  
MH - 7:30

**Sat Jan 26**  
#MeToo Council - EW -  
9:00

Sight Singing -  
Sanctuary - 9:30

Voice Classes -  
Sanctuary - 11:15



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Purchase tickets - <https://voicescafe.org/show/tracy-grammer-jim-henry/>

**SUNDAY SERVICE - JANUARY 27, 2019 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM**

**"Good God, Bad God, No God at All"**  
**- Rev. John Morehouse**  
 What does the idea of God mean to you?  
 Rev. John explores the options and the allure  
 behind both believing and not believing in an  
 ultimate force in our lives.



**Worship Associate:** Doug Flam  
**Pastoral Care Chaplain:** 9:00 Lindy Hennessy - 11:00 Ravi Sankar  
**Music:** Tiffany Jackson

Voices Cafe -  
 Sanctuary - 8:00

**Sun Jan 27**  
 4th/5th OWL  
 Parent/Child  
 Orientation - 9:00

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

Climate Change  
 Conversation -  
 Sanctuary - 12:30

Harvest the Power -  
 EW - 12:30

4th/5th - YR - 11:00

**Mon Jan 28**  
 NVC Practice Group -  
 FR - 6:30 pm

Buddhist Practice  
 Group - MH - 6:30

Bell Choir - 6:45

**Tues Jan 29**  
 Men's Choir - 8:00

**Wed Jan 30**  
 Worship Associates -  
 Rev. John's office - 7:00

Chamber Choir - 7:45

**Thurs Jan 31**  
 Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Men's/Women's Choirs



**4th-5th grade OWL Parent/Child Orientation  
in Chapel Classroom 9:00-11:30 am**



- 7:45

**Sat Feb 2**  
Sight Singing -  
Sanctuary - 9:30

Voice Classes -  
Sanctuary - 11:15

**Sun Feb 3**  
8th Grade OWL - OWL  
Room - 10:00

8th Grade OWL  
Parents - YR - 10:00

Meditation - Elm Room  
- 10:15

4th/5th Grade OWL -  
Chapel - 11:00

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

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

Climate Change  
Conversation - Chapel -  
12:30

Harvest the Power -  
EW - 12:30

Immigration Social  
Action - Sanctuary -  
12:30

**Mon Feb 4**  
Buddhist Practice  
Group - MH - 6:30

Bell Choir - 6:45

O&A - 7:45

**Tues Feb 5**  
Men's Choir - 8:00

**Wed Feb 6**  
Stewardship  
Committee - FR - 7:00

Chamber Choir - 7:45

**Thurs Feb 7**



**CABARET - SAVE THE DATE**

**FEBRUARY 9th. Make it dinner and a show!** We are excited to announce that the Food Ministry is sponsoring the second annual Vegantine's Day Dinner just before the Cabaret at 8:00 pm. As usual, it will be a BYO drink/snack/dessert at the Cabaret itself for those who do not wish to attend the dinner. More details next week.

Most importantly, if you are thinking about singing a song, reciting a poem, or telling a joke, now is the time to plan ahead and be sure to be in touch with [Ed Thompson](#) so he can put your name on the list of performers.

**Climate Change Workshop**



Please join us on Sunday, January 27th from 12:30-2:00 pm in the sanctuary for an interactive and open dialogue around climate change, facilitated by Merritt Juliano JD, LMSW, Climate Psychology Alliance North America. We will provide a safe, nonjudgmental space to explore what an unpredictable climate means for us as individuals, members of local communities and citizens of the world.

We will work toward acceptance of where we are in the current crisis, cultivate hope for a livable future, and build a course of action for change.



**Michaela MacColl** and **Sari Bodi**, local children's authors, meet with the sixth grade **Writer's Club** at **Beardsley School**. Michaela and Sari will work with students each week to inspire and help them refine their writing skills.

### **Rev. Jim Francek Appointed Volunteer Community Minister for Pastoral Care**

Senior Minister Rev. John Morehouse, in consultation with congregational leadership, has appointed the Rev. Jim Francek as our Volunteer Community Minister for Pastoral Care. Jim and his wife Pat have been active members of our congregation for many years leading various support groups and he has act as a coach and trainer for our Pastoral Care Chaplains. Jim will report directly to Rev. John and will respect the same covenant of confidentiality that he follows in his role as a Chaplain for the Bridgeport Hospital..... [CLICK HERE](#) for more.



Children's Choir - 5:00  
Teen Choir - 6:00  
Men's/Women's Choirs - 7:45

### **Fri Feb 8**

Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

### **Sat Feb 9**

Sight Singing - Sanctuary - 9:30

Voice Classes - Sanctuary - 11:15

Pastoral Care Associates - MH - 1:00

### **Sun Feb 10**

4th/5th OWL - YR - 9:00

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

Climate Change Conversation - Sanctuary - 12:30

TUCWomen Brown Bag Lunch - MH - 12:30

Harvest the Power - Sanctuary - 12:30

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



# TUCWOMEN



\* **Quotable Women Brown Bag Lunch** is Sunday, February 10th.  
Our Discussion Guide will be Cheryl Dixon Paul.

\* **Potluck** at the home of Sharon Poole Bittenbender in Easton.  
February 22nd 6:30 PM. Bring something to share or just come; there is always plenty. RSVP Sharon at [sharon@slpoole.com](mailto:sharon@slpoole.com)



## All women are invited!

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)

## Choral Chameleon presents Storytime Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 7:30pm The Unitarian Church in Westport

Award-winning 10-voice vocal ensemble, Choral Chameleon, takes you on a whimsical journey through the magic of choral storytelling.

Harnessing powerful commentary in the style of the Greek chorus combined with the beauty and empathy of human singing, this unique performance will narrate rich life stories, of both a sacred and a secular ilk, through the lenses of composers from across five centuries, including: Mateo Flecha el Viejo, Josquin des Prez, The Beatles, and others.



The program will also feature two new commissions: "Footnotes to a History of Music" by 2018-2019 Composer-In-Residence, Dale Trumbore and an arrangement of "The Gambler" by the band FUN by Michelle Coladonato. Mark your calendar now for a concert experience you won't forget!

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and tickets.



## 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.



**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](mailto:jluongo3@optonline.net)

## Buddhist Practice Group

Each Monday at the meeting house from 6:30 to 8:99 pm until February 25 and will resume April 1.

Please let Nina know you are attending by emailing her at [ninazcara@gmail.com](mailto:ninazcara@gmail.com).





**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.

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

### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

**February 3, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**Rev. Shelly Thompson will preach**

**February 10, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**"Creating Trust" - Rev. John Morehouse**

**February 17, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**"Trusting Love" - Rev. John Morehouse**

**February 24, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**"Trusting in America Once Again" - Rev. John Morehouse**



### **LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019**



**From Rev Shelly:**

**NOTE:** There will NOT be Children's Chapel this coming Sunday, January 27th, or in February or March. Between February 3rd and April 7th, the 4th-5th grade OWL class will be taking place in the Chapel room. PreK-1st and 2nd-3rd grade will have regular class meetings.

4th-5th grade OWL reminder for Sunday, January 27th 9:00-11:30  
PARENTS AND KIDS mandatory orientation.

Crossing Paths 6th-7th graders will visit the Quaker Meeting House. For more information, contact Lisa Donohue-Olivieri - [ldonolivieri@gmail.com](mailto:ldonolivieri@gmail.com)

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**It's time to register for CONtagious!** the MYN Youth Con at All Souls NYC February 15-17 2019. We are encouraging our 9th and 10th graders to attend and be exposed to the contagious energy and wonderful community. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Shelly [revshelly@uuwestport.org](mailto:revshelly@uuwestport.org)

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

**Topic:** The possibility of being wrong

**Theme:** Possibility

**UU Principal #3:** We should accept one another and keep learning from each other.

**Pre-K- 1st grade**

9:00-10:00 am and 11:00 am-12:00 pm service  
LOWER LEVEL - Pine Room

**2nd-3rd grade: 11:00 am service**

11:00 am-12:00 pm service  
LOWER LEVEL - Oak Room

**4th-5th grade: 11:00 am service**

**OWL parent and child orientation**  
9:00-11:30 am  
LOWER LEVEL - Chapel classroom

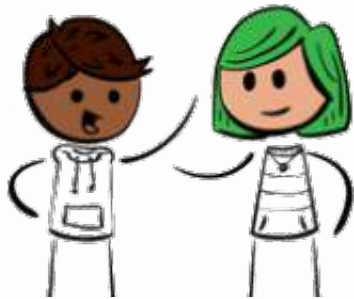
[CLICK HERE](#) for PreK-3rd FAMILY "take-home" for SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019





• Families please pick up your children after the service ends 😊

**Together get that snack, juice & cup of coffee.**



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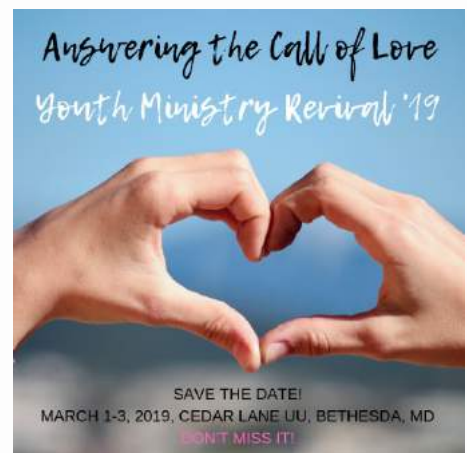
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## Youth, Parents and Youth Advisor Volunteers: The Central East Region is having a Youth Revival

YMR2019 is for youth in 9th-12th grades and adult sponsors 25 and older in the United States and Canada.

The ratio for YMR2019 is 5 youth per adult. There is a cap of 125 participants. We already have youth interested in attending, which means we need at least one advisor to accompany them to the Revival! It will be a great time! Contact Rev Shelly [revshelly@uuwestport.org](mailto:revshelly@uuwestport.org)

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**Upcoming Youth Group topics:**

- \* **January 27th:** Race as a construct with Alexandra and Sophie
- \* **February 3rd:** Gender as a construct with DJ and Jessie
- \* **February 10th:** JAM SESSION with Chloe and Cecilia bring an instrument!  
*and later...*
- \* **Mar 3rd:** *Tortilla Making with Alex and Cecilia*

**SOME DATES:**

- \* **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.