



# The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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## Leadership Training

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@uuwestport.org](mailto:ldt@uuwestport.org).



[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

## 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 SERVICE - JANUARY 6, 2019 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM

### *The Power of Possibility - Rev. John Morehouse*

Rev. John begins the NEW Year with a sermon on the open road before us.

**Worship Associate:** Janet Lunogo

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

**Music:** Men's/Women's Choir



**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

Sunday, December 16, 2018



**"The Mystery of Ministry" - Homily - Rev. John Morehouse**

**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.

**I**  **Singing**  
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.

**The Small Group Ministry has 104 members in 10 groups that meet once a month to discuss a topic.**

The topic for January is *"Possibility."*

*"Considering other answers or the possibilities in life has distinguished Unitarian Universalists from our beginning."*

Groups meet on different days and at different locations. Join a group near you! For information, talk to a representative in the foyer after the service or contact Steven Rosenberg - [Rosen323@aol.com](mailto:Rosen323@aol.com).



- YR - 10:00

Meditation - Chapel - 10:15

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

Harvest the Power - EW - 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 - 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



## TUCWomen

**Chase away the winter chill at our next potluck at the home of Laurel Carey in Ridgefield on Friday, January 25th, 6:30 PM.** Bring something to share, or just come-there is always plenty. RSVP to Laurel at [laurelcare@aol.com](mailto:laurelcare@aol.com).

**Our next Quotable Women Brown Bag Lunch is Sunday, January 13th after the 11:00 AM service in the Meeting House.** Our Guide will be Pat Francek who will use

a quote from Gunilla Norris to lead a conversation about the power of silence within us. Plan to come and savor 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)



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 - EW - 12:30

TUCWomen Brown Bag Lunch - MH - 12:30

**Mon Jan 14**  
NVC Practice Group - FR - 6:30

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 6:30

Bell Choir - 6:45

**Tues Jan 15**  
BOT - EW - 7:00

Men's Choir - 8:00

**Wed Jan 16**  
Stewardship Committee - FR - 7:00

Chamber Choir - 7:45

**Thurs Jan 17**  
Children's Choir - 5:00

Finance Committee - FR - 6:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

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

**Sat Jan 19**



### Come Hike in the Woods With Us

**Jennifer Boland (203-241-0696) will be leading the next hike, on Saturday, January 12th at 10 am -** We'll be hiking the Pequonnock River Valley Wildlife Area, a state park where dogs are welcome! Meet at the commuter parking lot on Park Street in Trumbull (It is where you get off 25 at the Daniels Farm exit):  
<https://bit.ly/2RtVqwa>

A trail map is available at  
<http://vizettes.com/pequonnockvalley/maps/index.htm>

### 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).





**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)



## CABARET - SAVE THE DATE

**Our annual Cabaret is scheduled for Saturday, February 9th.** This year we are excited to announce that the Food Ministry is sponsoring a dinner before the event and then 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.

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.

A Better Man - MH - 8:00

Sight Singing - Sanctuary - 9:30

Small Group Facilitators - MH - 10:00

Voice Classes - Sanctuary - 11:15

**Sun Jan 20**  
8th Grade OWL - OWL Room - 10:30

8th Grade OWL Parents - YR - 10:15

Meditation - Elm Room - 10:15

ARM Presentation - Sanctuary - 12:30

Harvest the Power - EW - 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 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***

## **Hello, Dear Ones!**

The new year is a great time to count our blessings. I am truly grateful for the warm welcome that I continue to receive as your Assist. Minister of Faith Formation. It is a joy and an honor to serve the TUCW community. This year is an exciting adventure in the making and I look forward to sharing it with all of you.

As many of you know, the Christmas Eve pageant was a roaring success, and the second service was overflowing.. A great BIG THANK YOU to Rev. Dr. Ed and all of you who make our music ministry such a vibrant and vital part of life in this community. Please visit the photo wall in the lobby to see the great pictures of the pageant taken by our own Rob Herman. He has offered to make prints or send images via email if you see a picture you would like to have. Instructions are on the photo board. Thank you, Rob!

At TUCW, we practice theme-based ministry through worship, small group discussions, personal reflections, and daily practices to enhance our faith formation. After considering "Mystery" last month, we now turn our attention to "Possibility". As Trappist monk Thomas Merton told us, *"You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope."*

May we give to one another the courage to face our challenges knowing that we are not alone and the faith and hope to transform our possibilities into ever widening circles of compassion and beloved community.

In Faith,  
Rev. Shelly



## **LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019**



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

**Topic:** The possibility of you

**Theme:** Possibility

**UU Principal Source #1:** Each and every person is important

**Pre-K- 1st grade**

\* 9:00-10:00 am and 11:00-12:00 pm service

\* LOWER LEVEL - Pine Room

**2nd-3rd grade**

\* 11:00-12:00 pm service

\* LOWER LEVEL - Oak Room

**4th-5th grade**

\* 11:00-12:00 pm service

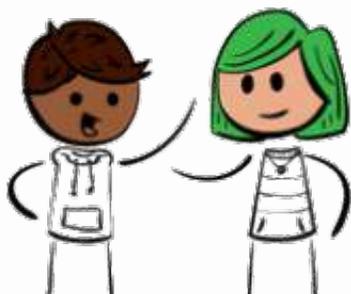
\* LOWER LEVEL - Birch Room



**[CLICK HERE](#) for PreK-5 FAMILY "take-home" for SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019**

**• 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 one (1) 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](tel:203-216-7708) 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).

UPCOMING **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.