



# The Unitarian Church in Westport

## Soundings

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### Congregational Town Hall Meeting

After the 9:00 AM and after the 11:00 AM services

Topic: The Capital Campaign - our building, with some presentations bringing everyone up to date.

Bring your questions!



### 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 - FEBRUARY 24, 2019 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM



#### "Trusting in America Once Again" - Rev. John Morehouse

It seems as if our ability to trust those who believe differently has completely deteriorated. Is that really so? Rev. John explores the place of trust in our national character.

**Worship Associate:** Cheryl Dixon Paul

#### **Pastoral Care Chaplain:**

9:00 Marie-Claire Bue - 11:00 Charles Harrington

**Music:** Men's/Women's Choirs and guest cellist



#### **Fri Feb 22**

Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

UU Movie Discussion - MH - 7:30

#### **Sat Feb 23**

Newcomers' Orientation - EW - 9:00

#### **Sun Feb 24**

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

Meditation - downstairs

Choral Chameleon presents *Storytime*  
Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 7:30 pm

Most of us can remember the stories from our childhood. Sometimes they were stories with animals as the central character (many of Aesop's Fables are in this genre); sometimes it was a superhuman character (like a Superman); sometimes it was an everyday character doing amazing things. They all left a mark on our memory and/or character. This program, **"Storytime"**, explores some of those characters and, more importantly, it explores the art of storytelling itself. What are the things that we tell ourselves about our own lives? After all, the things that we do in the course of our life ARE the storyline which we compose as we go. Each one of us has characters, plots, drama, themes and outcomes. **"Storytime"** explores some of these characters in an attempt to show us some of the how our storyline is put together. Wait!! Is it possible to change the outcome of our storyline? Yes, it is. How? Come and hear this amazing group of singers share their art and share their insights!



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

classroom - 10:00

COA - OWL Room - 11:00

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

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

**Mon Feb 25**  
NVC Practice Group - FR - 6:30 pm

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 6:30

Bell Choir - 6:45

**Tues Feb 26**  
Facilities Advisory Team - Rev. John's office - 6:00

Ethical Food Ministry - EW - 7:00

#MeToo Council - FR - 7:00

Men's Choir - 8:00

**Wed Feb 27**  
Worship Associates - Rev. John's office - 7:00

**Thurs Feb 28**  
Capital Campaign Team - Library - 1:00

Children's Choir - 5:00

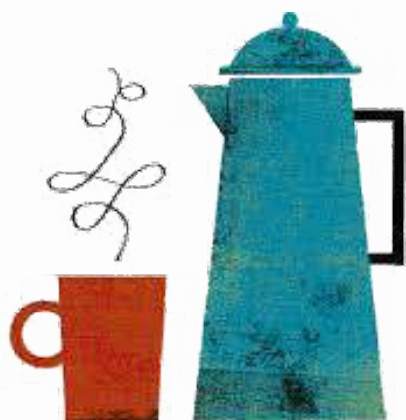
Teen Choir - 6:00

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

**Sat March 2**  
Stewardship Training - Sanctuary - 8:00

Abundant Community Dinner - Sanctuary - 5:00

**Sun March 3**



**Join the Ethical Food Ministry after the 11:00 service this Sunday, February 24** for Coffee and Conversation before the Town Hall meeting. We offer plant-based treats and give you a chance to learn about the benefits for the planet of a vegan diet. Muffins, cookies, and savory goodies.

To learn more, or to contribute to a future Coffee and Conversation, contact Lindy Hennessy - [lindyahenn@aol.com](mailto:lindyahenn@aol.com).

**Soup, soup and soup!** The members of the Shawl Ministry will prepare and sell delicious soups after the services on Sunday, March 3. Vegetarian, vegan and hearty choices will be available. All profits will be given to the Ministers Discretionary Fun. This is a tasty, helpful opportunity to support our church.



**New to The Unitarian Church in Westport?**  
**Then our Orientation is just right for you!**  
**Saturday, February 23 from 9:00 AM to noon in the East Wing**



Rev. John will talk about our Unitarian and Universalist history and our Seven Principles. We'll share journey stories and get to know one another and have plenty of time for questions and discussion. Please let me know that you're coming so that we'll have enough materials on hand.

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

Meditation - Chapel - 10:00

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

COA - OWL room - 11:00

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

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

Harvest the Power - EW - 12:30

Immigration Social Action - Sanctuary - 12:30

**Mon March 4**  
Bell Choir - 6:45

O&A - 7:45

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

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

Chamber Choir - 7:45

**Thurs March 7**  
Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

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

**Fri March 8**  
Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

**Sat March 9**  
Preaching Workshop - Sanctuary - 10:00

Pastoral Care Associates - MH - 1:00

Voices Cafe - Sanctuary - 8:00

## Capital Campaign Planning Team News

The Capital Campaign Planning Team wants to share information regarding the need to raise funds for critical repairs and renovations to our beautiful, nearly 70-year-old building. Please read these documents to learn about the issues and problems we are facing. Members of the Capital Campaign Planning Team, the Board, and the Committee on Ministries are ready to answer questions at the COM table in the foyer after each Sunday service. Stop by to ask questions and share your thoughts.



[1. High Priority Projects for 2019 Capital Campaign](#)

[2. The Capital Campaign Update](#)

[3. 2019 Capital Campaign Timeline](#)

[4. Facts and Figures](#)



# TUCWOMEN

**Mark your calendar:**

**Quotable Women Brown Bag Lunch - Sunday March 10**  
in the Meeting House, after the 11:00 AM service.

**TUCWomen Potluck - Friday, April 5.** Hosted by Eileen Belmont in Westport. Come share a meal while we say goodbye to winter.



**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)

**Sun March 10  
DAYLIGHT SAVING  
TIME starts**

6th-7th Grade "Visit"

Meditation - Chapel -  
10:00

COA - OWL room -  
11:00

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

TUCWomen Brown Bag  
Lunch - MH - 12:30

Harvest the Power - EW  
- 12:30

**Meditation is led by Janet Luongo and others  
from 10:00 to 10:45 AM every Sunday in the  
downstairs classrooms 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)

**Buddhist Practice Group**



Each Monday at the meeting house from 6:30 to 8:00 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).



**BUILDING AN  
ABUNDANT COMMUNITY**

**2019  
ANNUAL CANVASS**



**March 2, 5:00-8:00 pm  
Abundant Community Potluck**

**GAME NIGHT**

**SEE TUCW'S  
CALENDAR FOR  
MORE  
INFORMATION**



Bring your games - board games, card games, silly games - and challenge your fellow congregants to join you. There will be games for all ages, so everyone is welcome!

### **POTLUCK DINNER**

A UU staple, hot and cold foods - vegan, vegetarian, traditional - all are welcome. Beer & wine will be available.

[CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP and tell us what your bringing!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4AABAF2CA4FE3-abundant>

### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

**March 3, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**"Our Journey Towards Abundance"**  
**- Rev. John Morehouse**

**March 10, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**Margalie Belizaire, Intern Minister will preach**

**March 17, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**Youth/Multigenerational service.**

**March 24, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**"Our Journey Towards Climate Justice"**

**March 31, 2019 - 9:00 AM**  
**"Walking the Crooked Path"**  
**- Rev. John Morehouse**

**March 31, 2019 - 11:00 AM**  
**Spring Concert - Special Projects Choir**



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

## **LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT - FEBRUARY 24, 2019**

**Coming of Age for 8th Graders starts February 24th**

**Save the Date: March 17th: Youth-Led Service**

Don't miss this multigenerational service!



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

**Theme:** Trust

**Topic:** Trusting yourself

**UU Principle #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**

\* 11:00 am service

\* LOWER LEVEL - Oak Room

#### **4th-5th OWL: CHAPEL classroom**

\* 11:00 am-12:15 pm

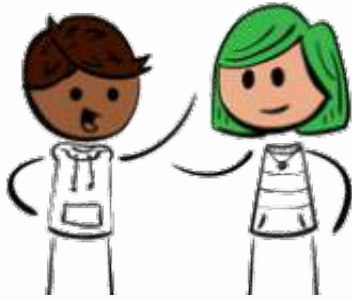
\* For those 4th-5th graders not attending OWL at 11:00 am, please join your friends in the Oak room



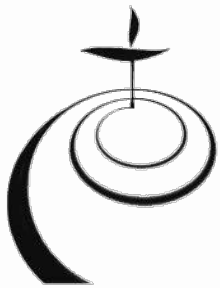
**[CLICK HERE](#) for PreK-5 FAMILY "take-home" for SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019**

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

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



## YOUTH GROUP



Youth Group happens at 11:00 am on Sunday in the lower level of the Meeting House.

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**6th-7th Graders Crossing Paths Upcoming Classes February 24, 2019** - Visit to the Messiah Baptist Church Bridgeport, CT.

Please plan to either meet at TUCW at 10:15 if your child needs a ride to the church or meet at the Messiah Baptist Church At 10:35- 210 Congress St, Bridgeport

**March 3, 2019** - 11:00 Learn about Hinduism

**\* March 10, 2019** - Trip to Flushing Ganesh Temple - Meet at UU Westport at 8:30 am

**March 24, 2019** - Learn about Buddhism

**March 30, 2019** - Saturday 10:00 am-12:00 pm Visit to the Do Ngak Kunphen Ling Tibetan Buddhist Center for Universal Peace (DNKL)

**April 7, 2019** - Learn about Lakota Traditions with Jim Francek

**April 14, 2019** - Pipe Ceremony with Jim Francek?





**\* TUCW visit to Ganesh (Hindu) Temple in FLushing, NY on Sun March 10th.**  
Our 6th/7th grade kids will be visiting the Hindu temple. The program will include participating the prayers and poojas as well as a talk with some of the devotees. We will depart as a group around 8:45, arrive at the temple around 10:15 - and be in the temple for about 90 minutes.

We then adjourn to the Temple cafeteria where you can purchase a traditional South indian Meal (Cafeteria is 5 star rated by NY times, Antony Bourdain etc. and is very economical full meal around \$15 and snacks etc from about \$3:00) We will return to church around 1:30.

We would like to invite any adults who wish to join. Also you need to make your own arrangements for transportation (car pools recommended). We will also do a hinduism 101/ prep for visit to temple on Sunday March 3rd in the childrens' chapel at 11:00 AM during the regular RE program. Adults are also welcome to join that if they wish.

**Upcoming Youth Group topics:**

***March 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.