



# The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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## BUILDING AN ABUNDANT COMMUNITY

2019  
ANNUAL CANVASS



**Game Night for All Ages and Potluck Dinner**  
**Saturday, March 2nd - 5:00-8:00 PM**  
**(snow date Sunday, March 10th)**

Shake off the winter doldrums, get out of the house and join your fellow game players for a night of fun and food. We are launching our Abundant Community fundraising season by reminding ourselves about our lively, fun-loving community. We come together to worship, to advocate for social justice, to learn and to play Boggle (or LIFE, or Bananagrams, UNO, and Backgammon). Bring your favorite game, your friends and your family, and let the games (and the fundraising) begin.

Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. Beer and wine will be provided. Let us know what you'll bring by signing up [here](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D4AABAF2CA4FE3-abundant).

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### 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.*



**Sat March 2**  
Stewardship Training -  
Sanctuary - 9:00

ARM - EW - 12

Abundant Community  
Dinner - Sanctuary -  
5:00

**Sun March 3**  
Meditation - Willow  
Room - 10:00

6th-7th Grade "Learn" -

# SUNDAY SERVICE - MARCH 3, 2019 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM

## "Our Journey Towards Abundance" - Rev. John Morehouse



We have always been an abundant congregation. As we prepare to enter our next 70 years, Rev. John will speak to the conditions necessary to continue our journey.

**Worship Associate:** Judy Eckert

### **Pastoral Care Chaplain:**

9:00 Beverly Bailey

11:00 Lindy Hennessy

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

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Sunday, January 27, 2019



"Good God, Bad God, No God" - Rev. Dr. John Morehouse

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**

Choir Sectionals -  
Sanctuary - 9:00

Pastoral Care  
Associates - MH - 1:00

Voices Cafe -  
Sanctuary - 8:00

**Sun March 10**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVING**  
**TIME starts**



**A true musical journeyman**, he's made it his mission to share his love of music fully and completely, without regard for shading his emotions or tempering his convictions. The ability to create a connection, to bare his soul and express his emotions through his songs has been the defining thread in a career that's spawned five albums since 2010.

"The tapestry of my life is woven through human connection, healing and unity. This is what music has allowed me to experience." And for him to share that with you.

"Jesse Terry is a gentle soul with a formidable songwriting talent and a clear artistic vision." ~ John Platt, WFUV-NYC

Opening for Jesse will be The Promise is Hope, the musical couple Ashley and Eric L'Esperance.

[CLICK HERE](https://voicescafe.org/show/jesse-terry/) for tickets. <https://voicescafe.org/show/jesse-terry/>

**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.



6th-7th Grade "Visit"

Meditation - Willow Room - 10:00

COA - OWL room - 11:00

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

TUCWomen Brown Bag Lunch - MH - 12:30

**Mon March 11**  
NVC Practice Group - FR - 6:30 pm

Bell Choir - 6:45

**Tues March 12**  
Men's Choir - 8:00

**Wed March 13**  
Domestic Violence Task Force - EW - 12:30

Eliminating Racism - EW - 7:30

COM - Library - 7:30

**Thurs March 14**  
Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Membership Team - EW - 7:30

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

**Sat March 16**  
A Better Man - MH - 8:00

Preaching Workshop - Rev. John's office - 10:00

Small Group Facilitators - MH - 10:00



The other night I saw a film that made me very angry. It was allegedly a balanced look at immigration issues. Instead it could have been a 1930's Nazi propaganda film-- all one had to do was switch out Jews for undocumented immigrants.

Questions asked by members of the audience after the film indicated that they were uninformed. Not anti-immigrants, just uninformed.

The next morning it was still gnawing at me. I realized that the only way to get rid of that anger was to fight anger with action.

We need to be doing more education, more mobilizing, more organizing.

**Immigration & Refugee Outreach is one of our most active social action committees. It's meeting this Sunday at 12:30 in the sanctuary.**

Join us. Bring your ideas. Bring your passion.  
Together we can make a difference.  
It's always been that way.  
And it always will!

**Sun March 17**  
Meditation - Willow  
Room - 10:00

COA - OWL room -  
11:00

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

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

Harvest the Power - EW  
- 12:30

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

## Capital Campaign Planning Team News

Thank you for attending and participating in one of the Town Hall Meetings held on February 24. We are working on answers to the questions and concerns you raised and will publish that information very soon. Please continue to read the documents below 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. You may also contact the Capital Campaign Planning Team at [CC@uwestport.org](mailto:CC@uwestport.org).



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

[2. The Capital Campaign Update](#)

[3. 2019 Capital Campaign Timeline](#)

[4. Facts and Figures](#)

[5. Options](#)



Daylight Saving Time Starts - March 10.

Remember to spring forward one hour!!



**The Small Group Ministry** has 108 members in 12 groups that meet once a month to discuss a topic. The topic for March is "Journey."

*"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. ~ Lao Tzu.*

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).



# TUCWOMEN

**Join the conversation at the Quotable Women Brown Bag Lunch - Sunday March 10** in the Meeting House, after the 11:00 AM service. Beverly Bailey will guide our conversation. Beverly is bringing the Mary Oliver Poem 'Being Country Bred'.

Mark your calendar TUCWomen Potluck - Friday, April 5. Hosted by Eileen Belmont in Westport. Come share a meal while we say goodbye to winter. RSVP to [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@uuwestport.org](mailto:tucwomen@uuwestport.org)



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

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)

## UPCOMING SERVICES

**March 10, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**  
**"Finding Hope Along Life's Journey"**  
- Margalie Belizaire Intern Minister

**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@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).

**LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT - MARCH 3, 2019**

**Save the Date: March 17th: Youth-Led Service**  
Don't miss this multigenerational service!



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

**Theme:** Journey

**Topic:** Meditation

**UU Principal #6:** We work for a peaceful, fair and free world

**PreK-1st 9:00 am and 11:00 am service**

LOWER LEVEL - Pine room

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

**story then** LOWER LEVEL - Oak room

**4th-5th OWL PARENTS MEETING 10:00-11:00 am**

Please have 4th-5th grade OWL children go to Oak room during parent meeting in chapel 10:00-11:00 am then

\* 4th- 5th OWL: Chapel classroom 11:00 am-12:15 pm

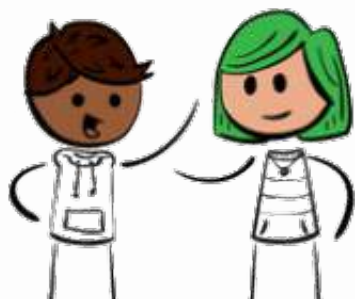
\* For those 4th-5th graders not attending OWL at 11:00 am, please join your friends in the Oak room



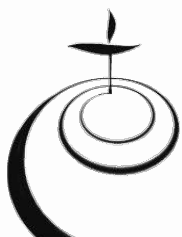
**[CLICK HERE](#) for PreK-5 FAMILY "take-home" for SUNDAY, March 3, 2019**

**• 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.

**Save the Date: March 17th: Youth-Led Service**  
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**6th-7th Graders Crossing Paths Upcoming Classes**

**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.