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The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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VOICES CAFE

Reggie Harris & Greg Greenway

Deeper Than The Skin

Saturday, April 13 at 8:00 PM

Unitarian Church in Westport, 10 Lyons Plains Road, Westport



"The Skin I'm In"

Purchase tickets - \$25 - at: <https://voicescafe.org/show/greg-and-reggie/>

With beautifully performed songs and words Reggie Harris and Greg Greenway share a compelling story of racial injustice faced down with creative resistance, friendship, music and joy.

For four decades Reggie has brought African American spirituals, folk, gospel, rock, and the music of the civil rights movement to stages across America.

Greg is a chart-topping folksinger with eight solo albums and an additional three as a member of the beloved harmony trio Brother Sun.

Seating at Voices is at tables, cabaret-style. Snacks and beverages can be brought; coffee and desserts are for sale at intermission. Table reservations

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 April 13
Orientation - EW - 9:00

Voices Cafe -
Sanctuary - 8:00

Sun April 14
Congregational Town
Hall Meeting - EW -
9:45

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

Meditation - Willow
Room - 10:00

(minimum 4 people) are accepted by contacting David Vita, david@uuwestport.org or calling 203.227.7205 x14. Doors open at 7:30.

"Deeper Than The Skin is an absolutely amazing experience. Not a performance (although these are two fine performers) but an experience. If you are anywhere within reach of this, don't miss it."

- Selma Civil Rights activist Rev. Gordon Gibson, author of Southern Witness, Knoxville, TN

SUNDAY SERVICE - APRIL 14, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

"Journey to Jerusalem"- Rev. John Morehouse



Jesus' journey on Palm Sunday marks the beginning of a new kind of faith. How did the religion of Jesus become a religion about Jesus? And how is Christianity changing in our new age?

Worship Associate: Joanne Orenstein

Pastoral Care Chaplain: 9:00 Tom Hearne - 11:00 Chuck Harrington

Music: Chamber Choir

There will be a memorial service to honor the life of Ann Ford, Saturday, April 13th, at 1:00. Everyone is welcome.

Capital Campaign Planning Team News

Please attend one of the Town Hall meetings being held this Sunday, April 14, in the East Wing after the 9:00 service and in the sanctuary after the 11:00. Pamela Clemens from Goody Clancy, the architectural firm engaged by the Board, will make a presentation after the 11:00 service only, and she will answer any questions you may have. People attending the earlier Town Hall will be able to ask questions of the Capital Campaign Planning Team. They will relay those questions to the architect at the later meeting.

The May 5 vote on whether or not to approve a Capital Campaign is coming soon, and we want to provide enough information for you to make an informed decision. Please review the eight informational documents and the videos provided below for background information. We are anxious to hear your questions, suggestions, and concerns - cc@uuwestport.org.



DOCUMENTS

COA - OWL room - 11:00

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

Congregational Town Hall Meeting - Sanctuary - 12:30

Mon April 15
Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 6:30

Bell Choir - 6:45

O&A - 7:45

Tues April 16
BOT - EW - 7:00

Fall Follies Team - FR - 7:30

Wed April 17
Visiting Stewards' Reception - EW - 6:00

Women's Spirituality & Imagination - MH - 7:00

Chamber Choir - 7:45

Thurs April 18
Rev. Shelly's Transition Team - Library - 5:00

Children's Choir - 5:00

Finance Committee - FR - 6:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

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

Fri April 19
SGM Steering Committee - FR - 11:30

Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

Exploring Dissent & Religion - EW - 7:00

- [1. High Priority Projects for 2019 Capital Campaign](#)
- [2. The Capital Campaign Update](#)
- [3. 2019 Capital Campaign Timeline](#)
- [4. Facts and Figures](#)
- [5. Options](#)
- [6. Reflections from the Congregation](#)
- [7. Financial Feasibility Study Summary](#)
- [8. The Architect's Explanation of the Building](#)



VIDEOS

Part 1/Video 1

Historical Background- Rev. Morehouse
 Capital Campaign Team - Kristen Leddy
 Statement: Board of Trustees- Carrie McEvoy

Part 2

TUCW The State of Our Beloved Building ~ John Turmelle

- [1. Roof & Skylight](#)
- [2. Exterior Walls, Balcony & Walkways](#)
- [3. Building Systems, Landscape & Interior](#)

Part 3

Goody Clancy Presentation

Please join the Leadership Development Team in congratulating MARY MONEY, recipient of April's Leading Light Award.

Among her innumerable contributions to our community, Mary's dedication to the Year Round Stewardship Committee has been exemplary. In addition, her diligence in developing TUCW's mission statement and her facilitation of numerous workshops for the staff and board have enriched our congregation immeasurably. For all of her involvement in and commitment to TUCW, Mary is truly a Leading Light.



**New to The Unitarian Church in Westport?
 Then our Orientation is just right for you!
 Saturday, April 13 from 9:00-12:00 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 - david@uuwestport.org

Sat April 20
 A Better Man - MH - 8:00

Exploring Dissent & Religion - EW - 9:15

Small Group Facilitators - MH - 10:00

Sun April 21
 Meditation - Willow Room - 10:00

UU-UNO Presentation - EW - 10:00

COA - OWL Room - 11:00

UU-UNO Presentation - EW - 12:30

Mon April 22
 NVC Practice Group - FR - 6:30

Bell Choir - 6:45

Tues April 23
 Facilities Advisory Team - Rev. John's office - 6:00

Ethical Food Ministry - EW - 7:00

Women's Spirituality & Imagination - MH - 7:00

Wed April 24
 Worship Associates - Rev. John's office - 7:00

Spiritual Autobiography Workshop - Library - 7:30

Thurs April 25
 Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

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

It's time to get back into the woods with our TUCW hiking group!

TUCW Hiking Group Schedule

Please call Gian or Jamie to join our email group for details, updates and parking informationaa



Gian 203-243-4587		
April 20	9:30 AM	Bennett's Pond Trail, Ridgefield
May 4	9:30 AM	Weir Preserve and Homestead, Wilton
May 18	9:30 AM	Devils Den or Trout Brook Valley

gmorresi@gmail.com
Jamie 203-521-3848 - jforbes1@gmail.com

Fri April 26
UU Movie Discussion -
EW - 7:30 - MH - 7:30

Sat April 27
Boston Trip

Eldercare Workshop -
MH - 9:00

Sun April 28
Boston Trip

Meditation, Willow
Room - 10:00

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

COA, OWL room -
11:00

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

Tiny Town Hall - EW -
12:30

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



Buddhist Practice Group

Each Monday in the Meeting House from 6:30 to 8:00 PM (except April 22nd).

Please let Nina know you are attending by emailing her at ninazcara@gmail.com.

Teachings offered on a donation basis.

Grief Support Group:

Begins Monday, May 6th and runs every Monday through June 17th (except for Memorial Day). The group is held in Rev. John's office from 7:00-8:30 PM and is open to all who've experienced the loss of a loved one.

To register or to seek more information, please contact either Pat Francek, MSW, at 203-893-1781 or at patfrancek@gmail.com, or Charles Harrington, PhD, at 203-664-1653 or at ccharrington20@gmail.com.





UUA General Assembly

You can be part of an inspirational gathering of Unitarian Universalists at the UUA General Assembly. This year's GA will be from June 19th to 23rd in Spokane, Washington. Rev. John will be there with others from our congregation. Why don't you join them?

We have openings for delegates to GA who represent our congregation at this annual event. There are workshops, fabulous speakers, music, and lots of opportunities to

meet UU's from all over the country.

If you are interested in serving as a delegate from The Unitarian Church in Westport, or have questions, send an email to our secretary, Mary-Jane Cross, secretary@uwestport.org, or speak to any trustee.

You can read more about the General Assembly at <https://www.uua.org/ga>.

UPCOMING SERVICES

April 21, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Easter Sunday: "A Proverbs of Ashes" - Rev. John Morehouse

April 28, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Connecting to the Sacred Depths of Nature" - Rev. Jim Francek

May 5, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Coming of Age Service

May 12, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Curiosity and the Mother of Invention" - Rev. John Morehouse

May 19, 2019 - 9:00 AM
Rev. Shelly to preach.

May 19, 2019 - 11:00 AM
Youth Concert

May 26, 2019 - 10:00 AM
"Living Into the Future" - Rev. John Morehouse

June 2, 2019 - 10:00 AM
"For the Beauty of Us All" - Rev. John Morehouse

June 9 2019 - 10:00 AM
"Beauty and the Beast" - Rev. John Morehouse

June 16 2019 - 10:00 AM
Summer Solstice Concert





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 - jluego3@optonline.net

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.



[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about our Pastoral Care Chaplains

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.

Are you or someone you know experiencing the challenges of caring for an older loved one?

Join us for an Elder Care Workshop on Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM in the Meeting House. The workshop features presentations by Shanon Jordan of the CT Alzheimer's Association and co-presenters Rachel Kinzler and Kimberly Wills-Rinaldi of the Southwest CT Agency on Aging. Topics will include aging, dementia, geriatric care, family support and related issues. Each presentation will include time for questions and information from state and local resources. This workshop is open to members of the congregation and those in the larger community.

For information and to register, stop by the table during coffee hour or contact Marie-Claire Bue at mclaireb@optonline.net.

This event is part of our Pastoral Care Ministry, and co-facilitated by Chaplains Marie-Clair Bue, Kristi Hardin and Julia Wyant.



Spring 2019 Adult Faith Formation

Six Part Series

Women, Spirit and Imagination

Begins This Coming Tuesday, April 9th

Offering women a safe, welcoming place to explore their spirituality and imaginations. Experience inspiration, creativity and connection. Absorb the healing power of beauty and a supportive community. Develop a calm and peace within, an inner haven to return to at any time.

Six Experiences, Six Women Leaders



Session 2: "Spirituality of Mentoring"

April 17th with leader, Cheryl Dixon Paul

With chant, meditation, writing and journaling we will each consider a friend, mentor or teacher who opened our spirits and how that changed how we see ourselves. We will reflect on how we are mentoring others. Bring an object that reminds you of a teacher, a mentor or dear friend for our altar.

7:00 PM-9:00 PM - Meeting House

2 Wednesday, April 17 "Spirituality of Mentoring" -- Cheryl Dixon Paul

3 Tuesday, April 23 "Fragrance Spirituality" -- Denise Page

4 Tuesday, April 30 "Deeper Vision" -- Beverly Bailey

5 Tuesday, May 7 "Woman as Spiritual Warrior" -- Marti Bishop

6 Tuesday, May 14 "The Gift of Co-Imagining" -- Pat Francek

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information about the entire series.

We encourage women, if possible, to commit to the whole series.

All Women are Invited

For more information contact Janet Loungo (jloungo3@optonline.net)

or Rev. Shelly (revshelly@uuwestport.org)

Register by email tucwomen@uuwestport.org

Limited to 20 women.



TUCW Spring 2019

Adult Faith Formation



REV. SHELLY THOMPSON
ASSISTANT MINISTER
FOR FAITH FORMATION

The program guide is [HERE](#) for the Spring 2019 Adult Faith Formation Program!

Workshops start NEXT WEEK so please read all about them and register with the presenters as soon as possible. Space is limited in many programs. Reserve your spots in these wonderful experiences that are sure to help you grow and explore your Unitarian Universalist Faith. Hard copies of the program guide are available in our lobby.

Please feel free to contact me, Rev. Shelly Thompson, at revshelly@uuwestport.org with any questions, or contact the presenters directly.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

In Faith, Rev Shelly

LIFESPAN FAITH DEVELOPMENT - APRIL 14, 2019

2nd-5th graders: Come join us!

Sunday April 21, 2019, 11:00 AM service, exit song, downstairs



Easter Sunday Can Hunt

Outside, near play structure. Bring your donated cans in!

(only one Sunday left) **Dog and cat food only.**

Please put donated cans in bin downstairs or on chair in Sandra's office. Thank you.



THIS WEEK INFORMATION FOR Pre-K TO 5th

Theme: Wholeness

Topic: You are enough

UU Principal #1: Each and every person is important

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

LOWER LEVEL - Pine room

2nd-5th grade: CHAPEL

In chapel classroom 11:00 am-12:00 pm - LOWER LEVEL

[CLICK HERE](#) for PreK-5 FAMILY "take-home" for SUNDAY, April 14, 2019



Families please pick up children after service ends 😊 *then together get that snack & cup of*



and



enjoy.

THIS WEEK INFORMATION FOR 6th TO 12th GRADE



6th-7th Graders Crossing Paths

April 14, 2019, Jim Francek Lakota Traditions 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

NOTE family members/parents may attend with the kids from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM but please do not disrupt the class by entering right after the 11:00 AM service.

8th Grade Coming of Age

April 27-28th COA Boston Trip

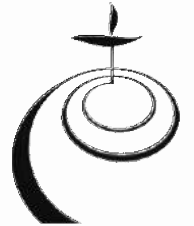
May 4th rehearsal and family celebration 6:30 PM

May 5th Coming of Age Worship at 11:00 AM



YOUTH GROUP [9th-12th]

Meets Sundays at 11:00 am in the lower level of the meeting house.



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.