



The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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Come Celebrate with Us! Faith Formation (LFD) Sunday and Bridging Ceremony Sunday June 2nd 10:00 AM

This special multigenerational service is a chance to honor the ministries with children and youth, thank our teachers and volunteers and celebrate Bridging with our high school seniors. Children and youth will be a part of their class presentations. Children's Choir and Youth Choir will be performing great music joined by some musical guests you won't want to miss.

A light lunch reception will follow.

To contribute to the potluck, please sign up [HERE](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Child care is provided for Sunday Services & on an as needed basis for other events. Organizers of events should contact [Sandra Clements](#) to arrange child care.



SUNDAY SERVICE - June 2, 2019 - 10:00 AM



"For the Beauty of Us All" - Rev. John Morehouse

In this multigenerational service dedicated to our growing ministry of Faith Formation we will celebrate what we have learned as a congregation together. Our bridging service will conclude our service.

Worship Associate: Linda Lubin

Pastoral Care Chaplain: Sunny Khadjavi

Music: Children's and Teen Choirs

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Fri May 31
Shawl Ministry - MH -
12:30

UU Movie Discussion -
MH - 7:30

Sat June 1
Safety Training Session
- Sanctuary - 9:00

Climate Change
Conversation - WW -
10:30



"What a Time to be Alive" ~ Intern Minister Margalie Belizaire

Budget Town Hall: Sunday, June 2nd, after the service.

The Finance Committee will answer questions about the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year. The proposed budget is available on the church website and is posted in the foyer. All are welcome!



CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING



The 2019 Annual Meeting of The Unitarian Church in Westport will be held on June 9, 2019, following the service.

Join fellow members of the Congregation to conduct the business of the Congregation, including:

- * Elect members of the Board of Trustees, Endowment Committee, Committee on Ministries and Nominating Committee**
- * Ratify the 2019-2020 budget**
- * Hear about and vote on two proposals related to the 2019 Capital Campaign**
- * Celebrate the 2019 FINE Award winner**
- * Hear reports from your Elected Committees**

Lunch and childcare will be provided.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the agenda



ARM - EW - 12:00

Sun June 2
Meditation - Willow Room - 9:15

Budget Town Hall - Sanctuary - 11:15

TUCWomen's Brown Bag Luncheon - MH - 11:30

Mon June 3
Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 6:30

Bell Choir - 6:45

Grief Support Group - rev. John's office - 7:00

O&A - 7:45

Tues, June 4
Courageous Faith Revolution - WW - 7:00

Wed June 5
Eliminating Racism - Lib - 7:30

Chamber Choir - 7:45

Thurs June 6
Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

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

Sat June 8
Pastoral Care Chaplains - MH - 1:00

Voices Cafe - Sanctuary - 8:00

Sun June 9
Meditation, Elm Room - 9:15

Annual Meeting - Sanctuary - 11:30

Voices Café - Saturday, June 8 at 8:00 PM
Pat Wictor and Deborah Latz



Maybe you heard Pat solo or with Brother Sun, well this is a Pat Wictor like you've never heard him before!

[CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets.

Pat and Deborah... experience the breadth of their musical interests, with songs ranging from The Beatles to Irving Berlin, from Phil Ochs to an Ornette Coleman tune (for which Pat wrote the lyrics). The two of them singing God

Bless the Child... WOW! It's an exciting new collaboration. And then there's Deborah Latz who has a phenomenal voice, and brings a fearless creativity and adventurousness to their work together. They met at one of Bobby McFerrin's vocal improv workshops at Omega Institute, where they first sang together. They're still in the early stages of creating music together, and they're letting it grow organically. The musical possibilities are vast!

Seating is cabaret style (at tables) and table reservations (minimum 4 people) are accepted by contacting David Vita, david@uuwestport.org or calling 203.227.7205 x14.

Doors open at 7:30.

Film: "Paris to Pittsburgh": Global Climate Change Made Local
Saturday, June 1 at 8:00 PM at The Unitarian Church in Westport

The Climate Change Action Group at The Unitarian Church in Westport is hosting a screening of the film "*Paris to Pittsburgh*". The film brings to life the impassioned efforts of individuals who are battling the most severe threats of climate change in their own backyards. Set against the national debate over the United States' energy future - and the Trump administration's explosive decision to exit the Paris Climate Agreement - the film captures what's at stake for communities around the country and the inspiring ways Americans are responding.



The event is free and please register so that we can anticipate how many people will be coming.

[CLICK HERE](#) to let us know you are attending.

Mon June 10
NVC Practice Group - WW - 6:30

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 6:30

Grief Support Group - Rev. John's office - 7:00

O&A - 7:45

Tues June 11
Fall Follies Team - WW - 7:30

Wed June 12
Domestic Violence Task Force - EW - 12:30

COM - Rev. John's office - 7:30

Thur June 13
Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Intern Minister Committee - BO - 7:00

Membership Team - EW - 7:30

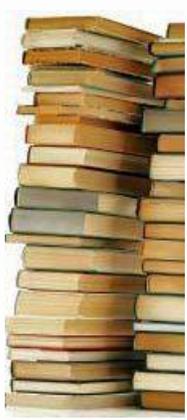
Men's/Women's Choirs - 7:45

Fri June 14
Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

Sat June 15
A Better Man - Meeting House - 8:00

Sun June 16
Meditation - Willow Room - 9:15

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



The Beardsley Committee is gathering gently used books, both hard cover and soft cover, for a book sale at the school on June 3-5. The committee is hoping a few TUCW volunteers will be able to help us set up the sale on Friday, May 31, from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. We also need help running the sale on Monday and Tuesday, June 3 and 4, from 9:00-3:00, and on Wednesday morning, June 5, from 9:00-1:00.

We are hoping to get as many books as possible into the children's hands to keep them reading over the summer.

If you could spare a couple of hours to help with this event, please contact Sari Bodi at saribodi@gmail.com or call her directly at 203-247-9977 for more information.



The Small Group Ministry has 108 members in 12 groups that meet once a month. Through discussions of personal experiences members feel more connected.

The topic for June is **"Beauty."**

"What we believe is beautiful we will not wantonly destroy."

For information, talk to a representative in the foyer after the service
or contact Steven Rosenberg - Rosen323@aol.com.



"More Love Than Ever Before," with Parvati Sundari
Wedndsay, June 5, 2019, 7:00-9:00 PM in the Meeting House



Enjoy a meditative experience with sound and song. Parvati Sundari is a recording artist/healer who tours the world and is a master teacher, and Ignite Your Spirit therapist in Shanti Mission Australia and America. She uses active meditation with visualization, chanting and affirmations. Shanti Mission is a multi-faith school of soul, grounded in the ancient Vedic scriptures, but with a contemporary approach that incorporates wise teachings from many traditions (as Unitarian Universalists do). Her program at our church in 2017 was warmly received. Janet Luongo says, "Parvati truly emanates joy. She's been my teacher since 2012 and I'm always impressed by how she opens people up to higher levels of love and inner peace."

Join the TUCW hiking group on our last hike (of the church year)!

When? Saturday June 1 at 7:30 AM

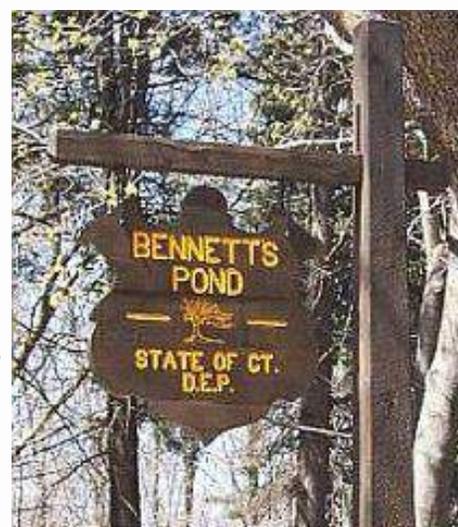
Where? Bennett's Pond State Park, Ridgefield

Distance: 2-3 miles

Level: Moderate. Hiking poles recommended but not required.

Tom Hearne will lead us on this hike to one of his favorite spots. Note the EARLY start time (7:30 AM) necessary to see the beavers at work!
We will meet at the entrance parking lot on Bennett's Farm Rd in Ridgefield.

For more information or to join our email group,
email Gian (gmorresi@gmail.com) or Jamie (jforbes1@gmail.com)



TUCWOMEN

A place for sisterhood, intimacy and deeper connections

June Potluck - It's Almost Summer!!

Friday, June 14th, 6:30 PM, at the home of Marjolijn deJager
in Stamford.

(Marjolijn is a few minutes from the Merritt, exit 35.) Bring something to share - appetizer, salad, side, main or dessert - no rules! And if you are too busy, or uninspired by the idea of cooking or shopping - just come! There is always abundance. .

RSVP sharon@slpoole.com

TUCWomen is YOUR women's group:

TUCWomen - Wrap Up and Planning. Sunday, June 2, 11:30 in the Meeting House.
Come and share your feedback and ideas. Help plan our direction for this vibrant group

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



Tag Sale '19



August 17th, (not 18th, as previously stated), which gives you plenty of time to sort and gather good, clean, workable, fun items for the sale. Our biggest need is for storage between now and then, as people who are moving just can't wait until August! Any dry, accessible space will do to store boxes and small furniture.

Contact Linda Hudson if you know of such a space!

Contact Linda at lhudson30@hotmail.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@uuwestport.org, or speak to any trustee.

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

UPCOMING SERVICES



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

June 16 2019 - 10:00 AM
Summer Solstice Concert

JUNE 23-25: SUMMER SERVICES

Buddhist Practice Group

Each Monday in the Meeting House from 6:30 to 8:00 PM

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

Teachings offered on a donation basis.



Meditation is led by Janet Luongo and others from 9:15 to 9:45 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 - jluongo3@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@uuwestport.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@uuwestport.org.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION - June 2, 2019

Hello, TUCW Families,



I'm looking forward to seeing you on Sunday at our celebration! Most of you will have received the Family Faith Formation summer newsletter that I sent out earlier this week. If not, click [HERE](#) to see it for more details about what's going on in our congregation and some opportunities for UU connections in our region. Be sure to put some beach time on your calendars! Come one and all!

*In Faith,
Rev. Shelly*

 [CLICK HERE for the Summer 2019 Family Faith Formatio Schedule](#)

Sherwood Sundays - June 30th-August 25th - 11:30ish

After service, come join Rev. Shelly at Sherwood Island State Park! Relax, swim, play, and have a great time with other TUCW families and friends. We look forward to spending time with you!



THIS WEEK INFORMATION FOR Pre-K TO 5th



Theme: Joy

Topic: The joy that Flowers give us

UU Source #7: We care for our planet, the home we share with all living things.

10:00 AM service - All Congregation Service

Bridging ceremony

'We are Unitarian Universalists, with open minds, loving hearts, and helping hands.'

Pre K-3rd start upstairs with parents and participate in ceremony. Afterwards, if too wiggley, you can go downstairs in OAK Room for the remainder of the Service.

Older ones, please enjoy the service upstairs with your family.



Loving Heart

Parents: Please pick up your children right after service ends. Together get a snack and visit with friends.



[CLICK HERE](#) for FAMILY "take-home" for SUNDAY, June 2, 2019



THIS WEEK INFORMATION FOR 6th TO 12th GRADE

June 2nd: 10:00 Be at worship to participate in LFD Sunday and support our Bridging seniors!

There are no RE classes over the summer.
Plan to bring your family to the 10:00 AM worship

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.