



The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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Become involved with our next generation of UUs!

We are looking for more helpers to connect with and help our youngest UUs as they learn about our faith and what makes it so important. Remember when others did it for your children? Now's the time to "pay it forward!" on a few Sunday mornings this fall.



The Family faith helpers and teachers will be commissioned during this Sunday's 11 AM service. We'd love to have you be part of this important ministry in our church. Click [HERE](#) or contact [Rev. Shelly](#) directly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



SUNDAY SERVICE - SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Uncovering the Hope - Margalie Belizaire, Intern Minister



We are living in a time of astonishing revelations in our country, which could leave many of us with a sense of hopelessness as we witness injustices long thought to have been conquered back again wreaking havoc. How do we as a people of faith, as Unitarian Universalists, find the hope to sustain us as we continue our work toward a "world community with peace, liberty and justice for all." Come explore with Intern Minister Margalie and come hear about an initiative she'll be working on during the church year.

Music: Chamber Choir

Worship Associate: Shanonda Nelson

Pastoral Care Chaplain: 9:00 Ann Taylor, 11:00 Marie-Claire Bue

Fri Sept 27
Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

UU Movie Discussion - MH - 7:30

Sun Sept 29
Meditation - Willow Room - 10:00

OWL - OWL room - 10:00

OWL Parents - YR - 10:00

Connection Quest! #3 - Sanctuary - 12:30 pm

Mon Sept 30
Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 6:30

Voices Cafe Committee - WW - 6:30

Our Second Minister's Message

Rev. John sent out our second Minister's Message ("[A Minister's Message: Brave Spaces](#)") on Tuesday night. This was a quick, short reflection on a topic of interest to him, and to us, given all that's happening in our world.



As we mentioned last week, we've planned this new offering for the year: brief, thoughtful messages like these will be sent out each Tuesday from one of our ministers, giving us a chance to take a spiritual pause from our busy lives. Please feel free to reply to them with thoughts: dialogue is always good!

Minister's Messages will also be posted online. Click [HERE](#) for the first one in case you missed it. Enjoy!

Imagine Our Future: Capital Campaign



We're on a roll! The visiting stewards are thrilled with the many generous pledges received in just one week. Let's keep the momentum going so we meet our goal of \$2 million (or more!) in pledges by October 31.

And did you hear? The Capital Campaign [website](#) is up and running! It's a one stop-shop for all

information related to the campaign. We update it regularly: bookmark it and keep coming back to it!

And how about some big laughs, for the church's sake? Join us for an evening of adult-oriented fun and laughter! All proceeds will support the restoration and preservation of our award winning building. Saturday, October 5, 7 PM in the sanctuary. **BYOB**. Tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#).

Questions? Contact cc@uuwestport.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Comedy Night	Saturday - October 5, 7:00 PM
2. Town Hall Meeting with Goody Clancy	Sunday, Oct. 20 - after the service
3. Fall Follies: UUs Got Talent	Saturday, October 26 - 7:30 PM

For complete list, refer to the charts posted around the Church or [CLICK HERE](#).

Losing someone close to you through death is one of life's most painful experiences.



Bell Choir - 6:45
O&AS - 7:45

Wed Oct 2
Teen Choir - 6:00

TUCWomen's Workshops - EW - 7:00

The Power of Now - MH - 7:00

Chamber Choir - 7:45

Thurs Oct 3
Children Choir - 5:00

Internship Committee - WW - 6:30

Women's & Men's Choir - Sanctuary - 7:45

Fri Oct 4
Adult Neighboring Faiths - MH - 6:00

Family Faith Volunteer Orientation - EW - 7:00

Sat Oct 5
ARM - EW - 12:00

Newcomers' Orientation - WW - 1:00

Cap. Campaign Comedy Night - Sanctuary - 7:00

Sun Oct 6
Meditation - Willow Room - 10:00

OWL - OWL room - 10:00

OWL Parents - YR - 10:00

Serving With Grace - EW - 12:30

Immigration Social Action - Sanctuary - 12:30

Mon Oct 7
Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 6:30

Bell Choir - 6:45

O&AS - 7:45

Wed Oct 9
Domestic Violence Task Force- EW - 12:30

Teen Choir - 6:00

TUCWomen's Workshops - EW - 7:00

To help support you through a recent or past loss, the Pastoral Care Ministry is offering a Grief Support Group on Mondays beginning October 14th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. This group will meet 6 consecutive Mondays, from October 14th through November 18th in Rev. John's office.



Facilitators will be Pat Francek and Chuck Harrington. Please reach out to them to confirm attendance by October 8th. (patfrancek@gmail.com; ccharrington20@gmail.com)

Find out more about this powerful time of learning, sharing, listening, and healing by clicking [HERE](#). Note: this group will be open to the public; please feel free to share this invitation with all those you know who could benefit from this gathering.



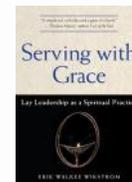
Neighboring Faiths - Program for Adults A year-long exploration of Religions of the World

Explore Hinduism in October, Judaism in November and other religions in 2020.
Facilitated by fellow church members!

Spend 3-4 weeks per religion to learn, understand and experience diverse religious practices. [CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer.

Register by emailing: sudhasankar100@yahoo.com Space is limited!

On October 6 and 13, from 12:30-2 PM, Rev. John will present two thoughtful sessions on Service Leadership and will reference the book **Serving with Grace: Lay Leadership as a Spiritual Practice** by Erik Walker Wikstrom. Please join us! Email the Leadership Development Team at ldt@uuwestport.org to confirm your spot.



TUCWomen

A place for sisterhood, intimacy and deeper connections

TUCWomen have gatherings where we make new friends and deepen relationships with old friends. Our successful workshop series, *Women, Spirit and Imagination* has eight new sessions. Potlucks are planned and brown-bag lunches too. All women are welcome at all events.

RSVP for these events by email: tucwomen@uuwestport.org.

- EW - 7:00
- NVC Practice Group - WW - 7:00
- The Power of Now - MH - 7:00
- Eliminating Racism - Lib - 7:30
- COM - Rev. John's office - 7:30

Thur Oct 10
Children's Choir at 5:00 pm

Membership Team - EW - 7:30

Women's & Men's Choir - 7:45

Fri Oct 11
Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30

Sat Oct 12
Voices Cafe - Sanctuary - 8:00

Sun Oct 13
Meditation - Willow Room - 10:00

OWL - OWL room - 10:00

OWL Parents - YR - 10:00

Serving With Grace- EW - 12:30

TUCWomen Brown Bag Lunch - MH - 12:30

Climate Change Conversation - Sanctuary - 12:30

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





* Session Two of eight **Women, Spirit and Imagination** workshops, "**Psychology of Listening**" led by Elizabeth Macdonald on October 2 and coming up next-- Beverly Bailey will lead "**Deeper Vision**" on October 9.



Here's more about [Elizabeth's workshop](#), [Beverly's workshop](#) and about [the eight-part series](#).

"Imagination is the beginning of our salvation." - Rev. John

"Thank you for facilitating a warm, open-hearted, women's circle." - series participant, Spring 2019

RSVP for each: tucwomen@uwestport.org.

Learn more about these and more at our new web site - uwestport.org/tucwomen-events

UPCOMING SERVICES

October 6, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Whose are We?" - Rev. John Morehouse

October 13, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Forgiveness as an Act of Belonging" - Rev. John Morehouse

October 20, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"Covenant" - Rev. John Morehouse

October 27, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - UN Sunday



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.

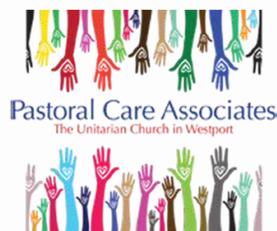
Meditation is led by Janet Luongo and others from 10:00 to 10:45 AM every Sunday in the Willow Room downstairs.

We center on our inner light and sense our inter-connectedness with all, using a variety of





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@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.

FAITH FORMATION



REGISTER YOUR FAMILY!
Sunday Programs Begin at 11:00 AM

Pre-K-1: Heart Talk
2-3: Heart Talk



PLEASE SIGN UP to be a **Sunday Helper** with our children and youth. It's a great way to share your gifts and connect with our young people.

4-7: Courageous Faith Adventures

7-9 OWL continues

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

We are in need of more helpers! The Family Faith helpers and teachers will be commissioned during the service on September 29th! Join now!



Our First YOUTH GROUP MEETING is Sunday September 29th 11:00 AM

[CLICK HERE](#) for more about all of our Youth Ministries and events.



SIGN UP! Neighboring Faiths for Adults HINDUISM COURSE BEGINS OCT. 4TH

[CLICK HERE](#) for the complete adult faith formation and spiritual practice group guide.

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.