



The Unitarian Church in Westport Soundings

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Welcome back! I hope that many of you will join us this coming Sunday for our **Homecoming Service** starting out on the lawn at 10:00 am. We will carry the many symbols of our ministry into the Sanctuary, introduce our staff, remember those who have departed, and hear our Minister Emeritus, Rev. Frank Hall preach the sermon. Our Homecoming Service is steeped in tradition and calls us to both remember our past and imagine our future together.

And speaking of imagining, be sure to attend our next **"Imaging Workshop"** on September 10th at the church starting at 6.30 pm. This workshop led by our architects will be your opportunity to imagine together what our building could become. This is not a presentation on building plans but, rather, a creative discussion about possibilities.

We will unfurl and dedicate a banner showing our public support for #MeToo as indicated by our congregational resolution in June 2018. The banner will be dedicated at our Homecoming Service and then displayed on Lyons Plains Road beneath our Black Lives Matter Banner.

Please also join us for our Capital "Clampaign" Kickoff, Saturday September 14th with a catered dinner, and great Jazz with the "Jazz Rabbi" Greg Wall and his band. RSVPS are a must! Please email cc@uuwestport.org.

I am energized and ready to lead us into a new year full of possibilities! See you in church!

~Rev. John



UPCOMING EVENTS

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



Fri Sept 6

Family Faith Formation
Volunteer Orientation - EW - 7:00

Sat Sept 7

Visiting Stewards' Training - sanctuary - 9:00

Pizza Party & Sign Painting - MH - 5:00

Sun Sept 8

Meditation - Willow Room - 9:00

OWL - OWL room - 10:00

HOMECOMING - 10:00

EXPO - 11:30

Mon Sept 9

Buddhist Practice Group - MH - 6:30

SUNDAY SERVICE - SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 - 10:00 AM



"Homecoming: Beginning Again" - Rev. Frank Hall
 Join us for our celebration of return, followed by our Expo. This is a service not to be missed. Rev. Frank Hall, our Minister Emeritus, will preach. In the words of Kalidasa: "Look to this day...in its brief course lie all the verities and realities of your existence."

Music: Special Projects Choir

Worship Associate:

Pastoral Care Chaplain: Pat Francek

Bell Choir - 6:45

O&AS - 745

Tues Sept 10

Capital Campaign Team
 Visioning - Sanctuary - 6:00

Wed Sept 11

Domestic Violence - EW - 12:30

NVC - WW at 7:00

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

Thurs Sept 12

Children's Choir - 5:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Membership Team - EW - 7:30

Sat Sept 14

Pastoral Care Chaplains - MH - 1:00

Capital Campaign Kick-off
 Event - 6:00

Sun Sept 15

SERVICES - 9:00 & 11:00

Meditation - Willow Room - 10:00

OWL - OWL room - 10:00

Connection Quest! #1 - EW - 12:30 pm

Mon Sept 16

Bell Choir - 6:45

O&AS - 745

Tues Sept 17

BOT - EW - 7:00

Wed Sept 18

Stewardship - WW - 7:00

Chamber Choir - 7:45

Thurs Sept 19

Children's Choir - 5:00

Finance Committee - WW - 6:00

Teen Choir - 6:00

Fri Sept 20

Small Group Steering
 Committee - WW - 11:30

Shawl Ministry - MH - 12:30



The 2019 Expo is coming! Directly after the Homecoming Service on September 8, the Expo will showcase the amazing work done by TUCW's many committees and groups. Come learn about their accomplishments and thank them for all their hard work on our behalf. And learn about future plans and how you can get involved. The event will also feature a barbeque and potluck lunch.

Please join us! [CLICK HERE](#) for flyer.

Susan Werner Returns to Voices Cafe - Saturday, October 12 at 8:00 pm

Purchase \$27 tickets at <https://voicescafe.org/show/susan-werner-2/>.

After over a dozen albums singer-songwriter Werner has confirmed her reputation as, according to the Chicago Tribune, "One of the most innovative songwriters working today."



She has the ability to effortlessly slide between folk, jazz, pop, gospel, Tin Pan Alley, chamber music, and Americana all delivered with sassy wit and classic Midwest charm. Her two latest projects feature her impressions of Cuba and New Orleans!

Seating at Voices Cafe 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.

Fall is in the air, and that means back to school for our Beardsley students!
 Our UU congregation adopted the Beardsley school over a decade ago and since



then we have provided tutors, mentors, readers, library workers, music, writers' workshops, books, supplies, knitted hats and gloves, Christmas presents, and financial help for students and the school.

And more help is needed each year! If you would like to learn how you can be a part of this supportive outreach, please stop by the Beardsley table at the Expo.

If you were a volunteer last year, thank you! - And please make sure you read Kathy Roberts' email about next steps for this year, which she sent out last Monday, August 26th.

Sat Sept 21
A Better Man - MH - 8:00

Small Group Facilitators - MH - 10:00

Sun Sept 22
Meditation - Willow Room - 10:00

OWL - OWL room - 10:00

Connection Quest! #2 - 12:30 pm

Music Committee - Library - 12:30

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

The Small Group Ministry has 102 members in 11 groups that meet once a month to discuss a topic. Groups meet on different days and at different locations. Join a group near you! The topic for September is **"Expectations."**



"This isn't just about whether or not we trust life; it's also about our willingness to loosen our grip and let our hopes go."

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



Please join the Leadership Development Team in congratulating ELENA ROCKMAN-BLAKE, recipient of September's Leading Light Award. Among Elena's many contributions are her dedication to the Year Round Stewardship Committee, her invaluable assistance to Faith Formation and her commitment to intergenerational activities including Camp Jewell and the Barn Dances. For all of her involvement in and commitment to TUCW, Elena is truly a Leading Light.

Did you notice? We've added Instagram to our offerings on social media. Follow us on [uwestportct](https://www.instagram.com/uwestportct), and don't be afraid to [#uwestport](https://www.instagram.com/uwestport) if you post something on your account that you know others of us would like to see!



What's happening in Communications?



Please come by and see us at the Expo; pick up a directory addendum and find out what we're up to. Despite the slower summer months, we have made progress in both executing some smaller things, and planning for some larger scale improvements.

What's on our radar for the future? Website Requirements Workshop, Advisory Board, Soundings Update, List Management Review, PR Strategy, Social Media, the Patch Brigade, Style Sheets, Photo Gallery, Website Revamp, Branding and more.... It'll take a while to get it all done, but it'll be a fun journey.

Want to journey with us? We need hearts, hands, and heads to help us! Please swing by and see if something strikes your fancy. Or drop me a note bethcliffucw@gmail.com

The CC team has been busy this summer, planning an autumn packed with activities and FUN. We have events to keep everyone informed of our architect's progress; to gather members' opinions and answer their questions; to recruit visiting stewards; to organize personal meetings with members; and to gather pledges. Coming up we've got another Imagining meeting, a busy Expo table, a great feast, and even a Comedy Show. Something for everyone!



We've charted out all these activities for you in an easy one-pager. You'll find these charts posted around the church, but it'd be good to mark in your calendars, now, too. See below.

Questions? Contact cc@uuwestport.org

8-Sep	After 10am Service	Homecoming and EXPO! <i>Starting the year off with welcome and excitement.</i>
10-Sep	6:30-9pm	Imagining Session w Goody Clancy <i>Coming together to share our expansive ideas with each other and our architect.</i>
14-Sep	6-9pm	The Official LAUNCH! A Capital Clam-paign and Lobster Bake with the Jazz Rabbi <i>We're getting started! A multi-generational, fun evening of good food, good company, lots of laughs, and some education along the way.</i>
5-Oct	7pm	Comedy Night Fundraiser <i>Laughter for a good cause.</i>
20-Oct	After each service	Town Hall Meeting with Goody Clancy <i>A check-in on progress and time for Q&A.</i>
26-Oct	7:30pm	Fall Follies: UUs Got Talent <i>An evening of music and laughter.</i>
3-Nov	After the 11am service	Architect's Presentation to Congregation <i>What is the proposed plan?</i>
24-Nov	After the 11am service	Congregational Vote on Building Improvements <i>The vote! The time to commit our intentions!</i>
Ongoing	Sept 1 - Nov 1	Look Again - A Collaborative Artistic Endeavor <i>Collecting and sharing thoughts and images about our beautiful building.</i>
Ongoing	Sept 15 - Oct 31	Stewardship Visits and Commitments <i>Hold conversations about the church's needs, consider what part you can play, and make your commitment to the Capital Campaign to be paid over three years!</i>



TUCWomen

A place for sisterhood, intimacy and deeper connections

There's lots happening in the new year!

Friday, September 27, 6:30 PM. Potluck at the home of Anita Pfluger in Trumbull. Share good food and stories of summer adventures. All women are invited. RSVP sharon@slpoole.com

Wednesday, September 25, 7:00-9:00 PM - Women's Spirituality Series "Women, Spirit and Imagination" in the East Wing. This wonderful series continues this fall, Wednesday evenings, until October 30. Leader Pat Francek offers "*The Gift Of Co-Imagining*". Gain a greater understanding and appreciation of our own unique spirituality and how it has supported us through life's challenges. Register tucwomen@uuwestport.org

Saturday and Sunday, September 28-29 UU Womensphere 2019 Fall Retreat in Woodstock, CT. Womensphere, a group of Unitarian Universalist women in south-eastern New England, invites all women to a fun and relaxing weekend filled with singing & dancing, meditation & sharing, crafts & games. [CLICK HERE](#) for information.

Mark your calendar:

- **Brown Bag Lunches** on second Sundays starting October 13
- **Special additional session** of "*Women, Spirit and Imagination--Visionary Women*", offered by Janet Luongo on Saturday afternoon, October 19.

Learn more about TUCWomen at EXPO on Sunday, September 8

Are you receiving TUCWomen email notices?

Ideas? Questions about TUCWomen?

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

Email - tucwomen@uuwestport.org

Let's Put On A Show!

Save the date for a night to remember: On **Saturday, October 26th**

The Fall Follies will be making its triumphant return. Come one and all for a night of skits, songs, silliness and celebration! We need actors, singers, dancers, people behind the scenes--all ages, abilities, and experience welcome!



In short, we need **YOU!** If you'd like to be a part of the fun please email Fall.Follies19@gmail.com to let us know what you'd like to do. We cant wait to have you come out and play!

Your Fall Follies Committee: Sarah Bell, Joanne Coviello, Tom Croarkin, Linda Hudson, Meg Jones, Charles Klein, Julyen Norman

UPCOMING SERVICES



September 15, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
More Than Enough - Rev. John Morehouse

September 22, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
"At the Intersection of Change and Expectation" - Rev. John Morehouse

September 29, 2019 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Margaille Belazaire, our Intern Minister, will preach.

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.



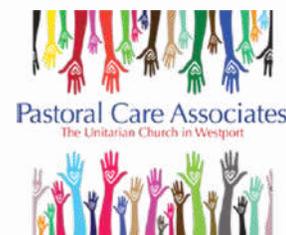
Meditation is led by Janet Luongo and others from 9:00 to 9:45 AM
Sunday in the Willow Room downstairs.

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

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.

*****[CLICK HERE](#) FOR THE FALL 2019 ADULT FAITH FORMATION GUIDE *****

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION - SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Important Faith Formation Dates (for Your Refrigerator!)

[CLICK HERE](#) for PDF for your refrigerator!



* **Friday: September 6, 7:00-9:00 pm:** Orientation for all who will be working with our children and youth in some capacity during the 2019-2020 church year Please RSVP to Nate Pawelek - nate@uwestport.org

* **Saturday September 7th, 5:00-7:00 pm PIZZA AND SIGN PAINTING PARTY** for the capital campaign! - Meeting House main level ALL AGES WELCOME please RSVP to Rev. Shelly Thompson - revshelly@uwestport.org

* **Sunday: September 8: "Homecoming"** multi-generational worship service at 10:00 am. Children and youth most cordially invited. Following the service, join TUCW's annual **EXPO** fair A smorgasbord of wonderful food, friendships, and information for all ages! 11:30-1:30 pm.

Learn more and REGISTER FOR FAMILY FAITH at this event!

* **Sunday: September 15, 12:30-2:00 pm: Connection Quest #1.** Family Meetings, including children 3rd grade and older, to brainstorm ideas, custom design, and implement our very own Faith Formation programming for our congregation. East Wing. **

* **Sunday: September 22, 12:30-2:00 pm: Connection Quest #2.** Sanctuary. **

* **Sunday: September 29, 12:30-2:00 pm: Connection Quest #3.** Sanctuary. **

**Food and childcare (for 2nd grade and younger) will be provided.



Metro New York Jr. Youth Con [6th-8th graders]

Sat, Sept. 28, 2019 - 9:00 AM to Sunday, September 29, 2019 - 8:00 AM

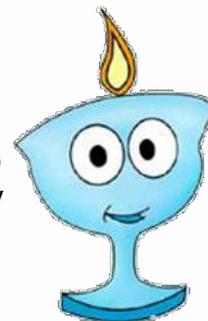
All Middle Schoolers are Invited!

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER (PreK-8th GRADE)

Our children are back in school in our various towns and neighborhoods. Here at TUCW our children are also gearing up for a great fall. Please note the next two weeks' of activity:

- **Friday, September 6, 7:00-9:00 pm (East Wing) Volunteer Orientation.** All who are interested in helping with our children and youth are invited to attend
- **Sunday, September 8, 10:00-12:30 am** (Meeting House) OWL 7-9th grade begins
- **Saturday, September 14, 5:00 pm** TUCW Orchestra rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- **Sunday, September 15, TUCW Orchestra** performance in the Family Friendly Worship Service. All interested musicians please contact Nate Pawelek - nate@uwestport.org by Friday (September 13) and he will arrange a part just for you and your instrument. We will perform "I Can See Clearly Now" by Johnny Nash
- **Sunday, September 22, Children and Youth Chapel Service**



SUNDAY YOUTH MINISTRIES for SEPTEMBER (9th-12th graders)

*** September 8th 10:00 AM - HOMECOMING and EXPO**



*** September 15th: Family Friendly Service -**

"At the Intersection of Change and Expectation" - Rev. John Morehouse

*** September 22: Children and Youth Chapel service.** All children and youth welcome.

*** September 29: First Youth Group Meeting** - 11:00 am Youth Room 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.