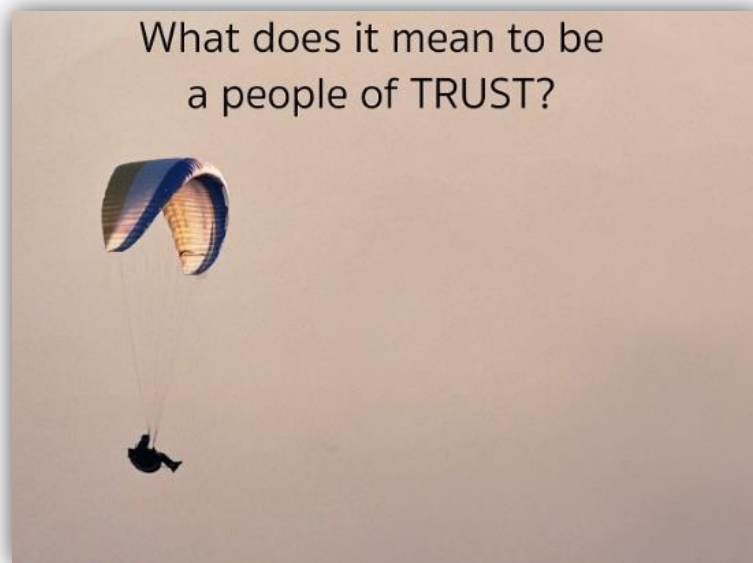




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THIS MONTH'S WORSHIP THEME IS:

Trust



All of Rev Bev's services this month will draw from the concept of Trust – watch the weekly update for specific titles and themes.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3, 10:30 AM

Rev. Bev Waring preaching

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10, 10:30 AM

Beau Rivers preaching

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17, 10:30 AM

Rev. Bev Waring preaching

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24, 10:30 AM

Program Sunday Amy Martellock

Planted between a Rock and a Hard Place

How do we grow – or even survive – when times are hard? Is there a secret to success?

Briefly with Bev

Our Soul Matters theme material this month ask us **what does it mean to be a people of trust?** Among my interfaith colleagues, trust is often interchanged with faith...faith in God. For instance, our Christian friends sing hymns about God "watching over us." In other words, if you believe then you can trust that God has your back. Our Jewish friends lift up the Exodus story to encourage faith that God will help us make our way even when things look bleak. Trust God and you will survive that trek through the deserts of your life. Likewise, prayer practice for our Muslim friends is all about reminding oneself that you are in Allah's safe hands. But what of we, Unitarian Universalists, who do not have that kind of God in our theology?

We have to rely on ourselves and one another in our concepts of trust. Many Unitarian Universalists translate the language of trusting into "a Love that will not let us go." The creators of the Soul Matters resource packets describe it this way. "This call to trust Life's support comes to us as a gift. After all, it's all too easy to convince ourselves that life is a foe. So, we need our faith communities to restore our faith that life is ultimately a friend. We need the reassurance. We need to know that when we fall, we can count on being picked up."

We need to know that when we fall, we can count on being picked up. That is trust, my friends. That is having faith in our friends, our community, our society that love and compassion and selflessness will prevail. That is believing that a Love that will not let go exists and will pick you up even if you are marginalized, even if you are too tired to stay "picked up" for long, even if you do not share the privileges of those around you.

I close with these quotes about trust. Notice which one speaks most loudly to you. What does that quote say about who or what you place your trust in? Is it yourself, a God, those around you? And most importantly, spend a little time considering how you are a messenger of "A Love that will not let go."

As you start to walk out on the way, the way appears. (Rumi)

I imagine trust as these invisible hands that we stretch out into the world looking for someone to hold on to as we walk into the unknown future. (Alya Titarenko)

A bird sitting on a tree is never afraid of the branch breaking, because her trust is not in the branch but in her own wings. (Unknown)

Trust is like the air we breathe. When it's present, nobody really notices. But when it's absent, everybody notices. (Warren Buffett)

When you walk to the edge of all the light you have and take that first step into the darkness of the unknown, you must believe that one of two things will happen. There will be something solid for you to stand upon or you will be taught to fly. (Patrick Overton)

Peace and Love,

Rev. Bev Waring

Children and Youth Religious Education Program

Battling Horcruxes!

This year our 5th/6th grade RE class is participating in the program *Harry and the UU*, which explores the injustices in the world today through the lens of JK Rowling's Harry Potter book series. **February's Horcrux is Sickness. This month we will fight this injustice with a Soup-er Fundraiser!** We will be volunteering on February 9th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with the Westborough Interfaith group for a meal packing event. As such, our 5th/6th graders, along with Janet Purney-Balabanis and Cassie Lengel, are selling soup to fundraise this event and to remember our horcrux this month!

RE Teachers:

This is just a friendly reminder to check your emails if you are one of our RE teachers for 2018-2019. We have asked that you sign up to teach at least 9 sessions, and we would love to have you look over what is left for the spring and consider blessing us with your talents. A reminder email has gone out as another reminder and with the link to our signup genius for RE teachers. Thank you in advance!

Youth Group:

To all of our wonderful high school youth, we are getting very excited for the things that are coming up! January 27th we are planning a bowling trip with the Worcester UU Youth Group – all are welcome! At our January meeting we reviewed the Google Doc for trip/service/fun ideas and at our February meeting we will put some of these into action! Come and help decide what great things you want to do! **Our meeting will be on Feb. 3rd at 12pm with pizza!**

Sunday Morning Programming for February:

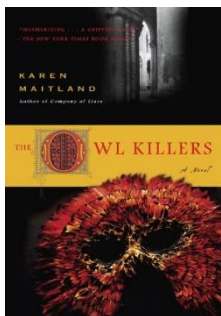
February 3 - We will be having normal RE classes and the youth will begin in the Sanctuary.

February 10 - We will be having normal RE classes and the youth will begin in the Sanctuary.

February 17 - We will begin in the Sanctuary and then move into our Group RE class.

February 24 - We will begin in the chapel for a special opening children's worship and then move into normal RE classes.

Book Group – February 8th



For **FEBRUARY**, we are reading *The Owl Killers* by Karen Maitland. Please join us. The group is open to all. We usually meet in members' homes and enjoy small groups of seven to ten people. We enjoy some light refreshments, lively discussion, and wonderful company. You are welcome to attend.

If you are planning to attend for the first time, please email: Judithteacake@gmail.com.

UU's at Lunch, Wednesday, February 13th

February can be a questionable month weather-wise, so we will stay in Westboro and meet at the ever-dependable South Street Diner on Wednesday, February 13th at 11:30. It has been quite some time since meeting there, and I hope we will have a large turnout to shake away the mid-winter blues.

If you plan to meet with us, please let Mary Tribe (508-329-1646 or email: marytribe5@gmail.com) know Saturday, February 10th, so she can let the Diner know we are coming.

Snow Cancellation Information

If the weather is inclement and you're wondering if services are cancelled please check the following places:

ONLINE:

- Website: www.uucsw.org
- Facebook (Unitarian Universalist Westborough);
- WHDH storm center closings
- WBZ storm center closings

TV: WBZ, WHDH

RADIO: WBZ 1030 AM

PHONE: The church's outgoing message (508-366-2635) will be changed to reflect weather-related closing.

NOTE: As many of our congregants live in towns other than Westborough, please remember that we would close based on Westborough weather conditions only.

Please base your own decision on the conditions in your town, your safety is the most important factor to consider.

PLEASE NOTE: If you are in need of assistance due to weather, please contact Rev. Bev (508-481- 5397 (h) or 508-330- 1352(c)), and she will do her best to get someone to assist you.



2018 Tax Year Giving Statements

Your 2018 giving statement was emailed to you on January 18th through Realm. The email will be from the Unitarian Universalist Congregational Society of Westborough. Within the email will be a link to "View your giving statement". Clicking on this link will download a PDF of your statement which you will be able to print. This functionality works best from a computer although it may work from a smartphone or tablet.

If you do not have email or did not receive your document, please contact Lisa Shumway, by phone at 508-243-9211, or by email at LSS0907@gmail.com.

The 2019 "Dinners and More" Fundraiser is Here!

The UU Dinner Fundraiser team is proud to present the following dinner lineup for 2019. These dinners and events are sure to have something for everyone, from traditional classics to new and exciting fare. We are very grateful to all our dinner hosts for their time and generosity to sponsor these events.

Like last year, we are expecting lots of excitement and think these will fill up fast! The best way to get signed up is to make it to church on February 3rd. Online signups will open at noon after the service. Signups will be open through February.

Here is the list of our delightfully delicious events:

Lasagna and Layered Dessert Showcase, Hosts: The Dinner Fundraiser Team, February 23

Alice In Wonderland Tea Party, Hosts: Lisa Shumway and Amy MacDougall, March 10

A Night in Ethiopia, Host: Nancy Hafkin, April 6

Derby Party, Hosts: Ben and Erin Gold, May 4

Birdwatching with the Professor at Mt. Auburn, Host: Scott Shumway, May 11

Non-Kosher Jewish Feast, Host: Phyllis Jaffe, May 19

Chocolate Dinner, Hosts: Paula and Jim Kirk, June 1

Pinot and Pareos, Hosts: Kim Hall and Justine Snyder, June 15

Farm to Table Dinner, Hosts: Sharon and Kevin Barrett, September 14

Wine Tasting, Hosts: Kim and Bruce Hall, October 6

Beer Tasting, Hosts: Jerry Breecher and Kevin Barrett, October

Mystery Dinner, Hosts: Ben and Erin Gold, Scott and Lisa Shumway, November 2

50's or 60's Dinner, Hosts: John and Kathie Metzger, Date TBD

We also have two fabulous catered offerings this year. Winning these items means you will get three deliveries in the months indicated:

Homemade Ice Cream and Toppings, Lisa Shumway, Monthly: June, July, August

Homemade Specialty Soup Dinners, Lisa Borchetta, Monthly: September, October, November

You can sign-up for all of these events in two ways: in the chapel during coffee hour from February 3rd through February 24th or through the sign-up genius link here:

[2019 Dinners and More Fundraiser](#)

Please note that the online sign-ups will not go live until February 3rd at 12:00 pm. In sign-up genius, you will see a tab for each offering. Payment is requested at the time you sign-up. Checks should be made to UUCSW (please put "dinner fundraiser" on the memo line) and mailed to Box 544, Westborough, MA 01581.

This is first come, first served, and seating is very limited, so sign-up starting Sunday, February 3rd after church! You don't want to miss out on all the fun.

February Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
10:30 AM – Sunday Service						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:30 AM – Sunday Service					7:00 PM – Book Group	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:30 AM – Sunday Service			11:30 AM – UU's at Lunch			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:30 AM – Sunday Service		Noon – Vista Articles Due				
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
10:30 AM – Program Sunday						

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DUE DATES

FOR VISTA NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Announcements, suggestions, or questions?

The VISTA is published monthly and submissions are welcome. Please email submissions to:

Andy Koenigsberg at amk32@cornell.edu.

Please put "VISTA" in the subject line.

**March Vista articles due by
Noon, Tuesday, February 19th**

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uucsw.org**

