

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: JAN. 27<sup>TH</sup>, AFTER CHURCH

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Please plan on attending the Congregational Meeting after church on January 27<sup>th</sup>. The agenda for the Congregational Meeting will include a vote on affiliation with the American Baptist Churches/the installation of Rev. Amy Clark Feldman at the Union Church in Waban, a vote on the updated church by-laws, and some church visioning.

### ALL-COMERS-CHURCH WIDE POTLUCK, JAN. 25<sup>TH</sup>, AT 6:30 P.M.

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Come one come all! This will be an evening of good conversation and fabulous food. If you are new to the Union Church, we hope you will consider coming. All Comers is a wonderful and relaxed way to get to know new friends. Many thanks to Diane Tillotson for hosting us. Diane's address is 77 Cornell Street, Newton Lower Falls. You can find the potluck sign-up link for what dish you would like to bring on the UCW website homepage at [www.ucw.org](http://www.ucw.org), or in the latest Friday e-blast newsletter.

### MISSION OUTREACH

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#### **Thank You from Anne Jarvis at Project Care and Concern**

I wanted to thank you all again for the beautiful Christmas gifts that you donated for our Seniors in low-income housing – everything was beautiful and wrapped so nicely, a real treat for our folks! I see many of the folks that requested bathrobes walking around the houses looking sharp in their new robes!!!

#### **Christmas Offering - Thank you for your generosity!**

Our special collection raised \$2,816 to support **A Lift Up**, a program of **City Mission**.

#### **Cradles to Crayons – Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> - Volunteers & Donations Welcome!**

We're looking for volunteers to accompany UCW's middle school and high school youth groups to Cradles to Crayons' Giving Factory in Brighton on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 p.m. We are looking to bring a group of approximately 20 youth and adults to volunteer in the Giving Factory for this two-hour shift and would welcome any adults who would like to accompany the group. It is **not** necessary to have a child in the youth group. Carpools will be organized, leaving from UCW at 12:45 p.m. and expecting to return to UCW at 4:00 p.m. We will also have a box available in the Crocker Chapel for donations (please find a list of their most needed items, and items they accept on the box or at [www.cradlestocrayons.org/boston](http://www.cradlestocrayons.org/boston)). Registration is required, so please RSVP via the Evite sent to families of youth, or contact Pastor Amy ([amy@ucw.org](mailto:amy@ucw.org)) or Justin Pond.

## ADULT EDUCATION, SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP

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### **Book Group, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Our faith tradition affirms that all human beings are made in the image of God (Genesis 1: 26-28) and that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139: 14); and here at the Union Church in Waban we affirm the inherent dignity of all people and strive to live that out through our covenant that affirms the inclusive love of Jesus. As such, we invite you to enter into a journey that sociologist Arlie Russell Hochschild embarked upon with the desire to enter into conversation with people whose life experience and outlook were different than her own. “Strangers in Their Own Land” will be our winter reading. On February 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 p.m. we will gather for a robust conversation of this book led by our own Anya Bassett. We encourage you to consider making this study part of your New Year’s resolutions as we live into “the conversational nature of reality” to borrow a quote from poet and philosopher David Whyte. If you have questions, please see Alan Cody or Pastor Stacy.

**Midweek Bible Study.** Does Sunday morning Bible Study at 8:00 a.m. feel like an impossibility? Do you feel like you don’t have any idea really what the Bible is, where it came from, how it was formed, or even how best to engage with it? Does the Bible at best seem a bit suspect and at worst rather scary? Pastor Stacy wants to hear from you. She would like to offer a mid-week (daytime or evening depending on what works best for everyone) six week overview of the Bible using the Massachusetts Bible Society’s “Exploring the Bible” series. Please be in touch with Stacy ([stacy@ucw.org](mailto:stacy@ucw.org)) if you are interested.

**Women’s Retreat at Toah Nipi, May 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>.** Whether you are a regular attender of Wellspring or not, you are welcome! Come away to the beauty and silence of Toah Nipi Retreat Center in Rindge, NH. This is a very special time to deepen friendships and grow in love of self, each other, and God. The retreat will begin Friday evening, May 17<sup>th</sup>, and finish by noontime on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEED A NAME TAG?**

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A name tag seems like a rather inconsequential thing, but it really is not. To be called by one’s name is to be seen and to be welcomed in. To be called by one’s name is to belong. In that spirit, we wear name tags! If you are new to the church or if you have lost your name tag, please take a moment to make yourself a temporary one with the materials in the entrance to the sanctuary. Leave your temporary name tag in the baskets upon leaving and we will be sure to have a permanent name tag waiting for you when you next arrive.



### **A New Sunday School Classroom for Little Ones! Calling New Teachers**

Last Sunday, we had a wonderful first day with our new class of pre-school through early-elementary school children! Thank you to all the volunteers who have stepped forward to teach and spend time with our kids in that room, and in our older classes. It is such a blessing! We are still looking for a few additional teachers/assistants to help with all ages. If you would like to learn more, or can volunteer a few Sundays this winter or spring to share a fun and rewarding morning with our children and young people, please connect with Pastor Amy ([amy@ucw.org](mailto:amy@ucw.org)). Thank you!

### **Mini-Missions for Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> graders – Starting Soon!**

We are thrilled to share that this winter and spring, our younger kids will once again participate in Mini-Missions! Mini-Missions is integrated into our Sunday School curriculum and involves our young ones in simple, tangible service projects in the community. The children own the projects from start to finish, with the goal of helping them see service as an integral part of their faith and lives, and realize they can make a difference in their communities and the world. We're looking for volunteers to assist with our service teams. If you can help, please talk to Pastor Amy ([amy@ucw.org](mailto:amy@ucw.org)) or Jill Coull ([jillcoull@gmail.com](mailto:jillcoull@gmail.com)).

### **High School Youth Group – Ski Trip to Wachusett Mountain! Sunday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>**

The HS Youth Group will kick off the New Year with an evening ski trip on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>! We'll carpool from UCW at 3:00 p.m. and plan to return by 9:00 p.m. This will replace our monthly gathering at the church. We hope you can join us – Bring a friend! RSVP to Pastor Amy or Mark Smith.

### **Middle School Youth Group – Join us for Dinner Out on the Town, Friday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**

On Fri., Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, middle-schoolers are invited to kick off the year with dinner out together at The Biltmore Grille in Newton. Please RSVP to the Evite, or contact Glenn Cunningham or Pastor Amy.

### **Cradles to Crayons for all Youth – Saturday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**

Middle and High Schoolers are invited to serve at Cradles to Crayons, helping to prepare needed goods for children in Boston. Please see the announcement about this under the Mission section of this bulletin. C2C requires pre-registration, so let us know if you can join us (via the Evites or by contacting Pastor Amy at [amy@ucw.org](mailto:amy@ucw.org)). It's going to be an awesome afternoon!

### **Valentine Care Packages for Our Young People**

With help from our youth, the Deacons will be compiling Valentine Care Packages to send to our UCW young people who are in their first year of being away from home. We want them to know that the church is thinking of them and sending love. If you have a young person who is newly away from home whether as a college freshman or in another setting please send Pastor Stacy ([stac@ucw.org](mailto:stac@ucw.org)) their mailing address so that we can send them a box of treats.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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<b>Sun., Jan. 20</b>	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	8:30 a.m.	Teacher Breakfast ( <i>Amy's Office</i> )
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Fri., Jan 25</b>	6:30 p.m.	All-Comers Church-Wide Potluck
<b>Sun., Jan. 27</b>	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Congregation Meeting ( <i>see above</i> )
	3:00 p.m.	High School Youth Group SKI TRIP

For a complete listing, and details of all upcoming events, please visit our website, [www.ucw.org](http://www.ucw.org)

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**Note:** Material for inclusion in the Friday e-Blast newsletter or our Sunday Announcements insert should be e-mailed to the office at [ucw@ucw.org](mailto:ucw@ucw.org), by **9:00 a.m. on the previous Wednesday** morning. Please specify whether for e-Blast, Sunday Announcements, or both. Thank you!

## TODAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR- ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Thank you to Vinita Leslie for laying our table and hosting today's fellowship time. If you would like to host a future, after church Fellowship Hour, there are many opportunities and we are in need of people to do so. If you are interested, please sign up through the Sign-Up Genius webpage. The link can be found on the UCW website at [ucw.org](http://ucw.org) and in the Friday e-blast.

## MUSIC AND WORSHIP

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Did we sing a hymn you particularly loved or one you did not care for? We want to hear from you. Please jot down your favorites and drop them in the offering plate. You can also submit them online at [UCW.org](http://UCW.org)! (Link is at the bottom of the homepage.)



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### Hymn Request

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Song requests: \_\_\_\_\_

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