

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Children, Youth and Families Calendars for Winter-Spring 2019!

The Winter-Spring calendars of activities were sent to families this past week. If you didn't receive one, please find extra copies in the Crocker Chapel, or email Pastor Amy (amy@ucw.org). Copies may also be found online under the Youth and Children's Ministry tab of www.ucw.org. We're looking forward to a great rest of the year together!

UCW Parent Group: Next Tuesday, February 12th**Gather the 2nd Tuesdays of the Month in the Reception Room -- 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

As we and our children begin this New Year, let us come together to support and learn from each other, and share in the joys and challenges of parenting. We hope you will join us for this evening of warm welcome, conversation, and connection.

Cradles to Crayons for all Youth – Saturday, February 16th

Middle and High Schoolers (and others!) are invited to serve at Cradles to Crayons, helping 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). It's going to be an awesome time!

Pancakes and Pajamas – Sunday School on February 24th

On February 24th, as we remember the story of Jesus feeding 5,000, kids are invited to wear their PJ's and bring their appetites! We'll cook and share pancakes during Sunday School, and have some (early) Shrove Tuesday fun.

**Mini-Missions – SAVE THE DATE: March 17th**

Mini-Mission involves our young ones in simple, tangible service projects in the community as part of Sunday School. 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. On March 17th they will present their organization and needs to the congregation during Children's Time. If you can help, please talk to Amy (amy@ucw.org) or Jill Coull (jillcoull@gmail.com).

TODAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR- ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thank you to Priscilla & Bart Kelso for laying our table and hosting today's fellowship time. If you would like to host a future 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 and in the Friday e-blast.

MISSION OUTREACH

UCW Mission on Climate Change news & update meeting: Today at 11:30 a.m.

There's great news on the Massachusetts climate change action front, including that both bills introduced in the legislature will start their processes with more than 50% of House members as co-sponsors. We had much lower support in prior sessions; there's still some resistance in House leadership to overcome, but good reason to believe that the majority will prevail!

If people who can squeeze in a short meeting after church today, it would be great to get together to share news and talk about roles for UCW going forward. For people who are interested but can't make the meeting, I'll send notes afterwards. Thanks! Kevin Johnson

Cradles to Crayons – Feb. 16th - 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 16th from 1:30-3:30 p.m. We want 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). Registration is required, so please RSVP via the Evite sent to families of youth, or contact Pastor Amy (amy@ucw.org) or Justin Pond.

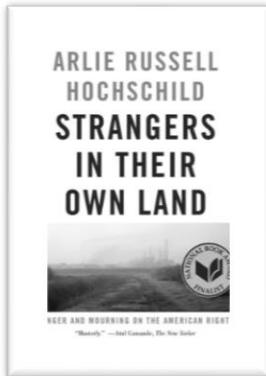
Haley House News

Haley House is asking its friends and partners to increase catering orders to help them maintain operations during a critical restructuring that has shut down daily operations in this important Dudley Square community-based enterprise. After careful consideration, Haley House has decided to temporarily suspend restaurant operations effective January 12th, 2019, in order to review and renew their business concept, with the goal of reopening restaurant operations later in the year. While the Cafe's restaurant operations are paused, their catering and wholesale operations continue. Haley House is a social justice enterprise with roots in the Catholic Worker movement. They are a soup kitchen and affordable housing group at heart, which also promotes health and empowerment for all -- but especially those impacted most by institutional racism and neighborhood disinvestment. UCW initially built connections with Haley House as part of its food justice work.

It's time for Russell School Computer Club!

We're working with the Russell School in Dorchester to introduce 4th and 5th graders to programming. Volunteer to join us on one or more Wednesday afternoons. As a volunteer, you'll work with a few 4th and 5th graders as they explore this new skill creating projects in the Scratch Programming Language. No programming skills are required -- help the kids to focus on the goals of their projects and encourage them! Wednesdays, Feb. 27th to April 10th from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Come for one day or all seven! Contact Rob Purser (rob.purser@mathworks.com) for more information.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR AS OURSELVES



Book Group, February 26th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

We will gather in the reception room for a robust conversation of this book led by our own Anya Bassett.

“I have led discussions of *Strangers in Their Own Land* with students in my seminar on “Inequality and Social Mobility in America” over the past two years; our conversations have been moving and thought-provoking. I'm very much looking forward to a conversation at Union Church.

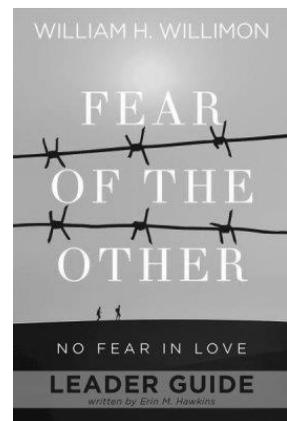
If you don't have time to read the whole book, I recommend that you read chapters 1-3, 8-10, 14-16, and skim through Appendix C, as we will focus on these in our discussion.”

The major themes in the book can also be found in the podcast “On Being with Krista Tippett” from October 18, 2018. <https://onbeing.org/programs/arlhie-hochschild-the-deep-stories-of-our-time-oct2018/>.”

If you have any questions, please reach out to Anya (anyabassett@gmail.com) or to Pastor Stacy (stacy@ucw.org). Hope to see you on the 26th!

Fear of the Other – No Fear in Love: Beginning on March 4th

“Fear of the Other – No Fear in Love” beginning March 4th and running for five weeks throughout the season of Lent. This curriculum written by Rev. William Willimon, a Methodist Pastor and Professor of the Practice of Christian Ministry at Duke Divinity School, emphasizes according to one review “the biblical mandate to receive Others in their particularity and difference as gifts and mysteries bearing the grace of God. Willimon also offers a strong critique of the privileged who all too often rush to language of reconciliation and evade the huge inequalities surrounding conversations and practices dealing with xenophobia and injustice. Willimon eschews “the imperialism of liberalism's sweeping embrace” and identifies concrete, everyday ways persons are formed in welcoming others without annihilating their differences.” If you are interested in engaging in what promises to be a salient study for our times, please be in touch with Pastor Stacy so that she can order the number of study guides we will need to take our journey together.



Women's Retreat at Toah Nipi, May 17th-19th.

Whether you are a regular attendee 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 17th, and finish by noontime on May 19th.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Feb. 10	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	UCW Mission on Climate Change mtg.
	5:30 p.m.	Appalachia Service make-up mtg.
	6:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group
Tue., Feb. 12	6:00 p.m.	Parents Group
Wed., Feb. 13	6:30 p.m.	Co- Moderator's Team
Sun., Feb. 17	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	8:30 a.m.	Teacher's Breakfast (Amy's Study)
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship

For a complete listing, and details of all upcoming events, please visit our website, 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, by **9:00 a.m. on the previous Wednesday** morning. Please specify whether for e-Blast, Sunday Announcements, or both. Thank you!

MUSIC AND WORSHIP

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! (Link is at the bottom of the homepage.)



HYMN REQUEST

Name: _____

Song requests: _____

Thank You!