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**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: TODAY AFTER CHURCH**

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Please plan on attending the Congregational Meeting after church TODAY. 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.

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**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.

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

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Thank you to Judy MacDonald and Jean Wellington 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.

## CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

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### **Mini-Missions for Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> graders: Launching Today!**

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. TODAY! Sunday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Appalachia Service Project – High School Travelers' Meeting – Early February**

We are in the process of planning our first travelers' meeting for our high school mission trip to Appalachia this June. Our final list of travelers, with registrations and deposits, is **due on March 1<sup>st</sup>**, and we are excited to get ready! If you are a high-schooler who would like to be part of this great trip, please let Pastor Amy, Justin Pond or Claire Slack know.

### **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.

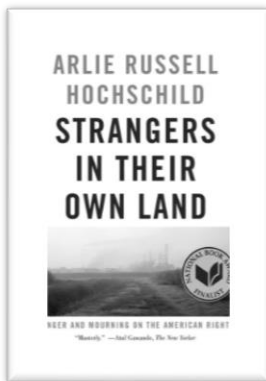
### **Cradles to Crayons for all Youth – Saturday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**

Middle and High Schoolers (and others!) 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!

## **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.



### **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 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.

**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>.

**Lunch Bunch -- You are invited!** Please join us on, Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch is a time of fellowship for our UCW community where we share in good food and conversation. Our discussion question for January: “Knowing what you know now, what advice would you give to your younger self, if you could have given it?” Lunch will be provided. All are welcome. If you need a ride please call Pastor Stacy at 617-965-3893.



### **Newton Theatre Co. presents Jane Austen's *Mansfield Park* adapted by Jon Jury**

This production is currently sold out but all members and friends of Union Church in Waban are invited to stop by the final dress rehearsal on Thursday Jan 31<sup>st</sup> in the reception room at 7:30 p.m. Contact Linda Goetz [goetzlinda@msn.com](mailto:goetzlinda@msn.com) for any questions. Hope to see you there!

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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<b>Sun., Jan. 27</b>	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Congregation Meeting ( <i>see above</i> )
	3:00 p.m.	High School Youth Group SKI TRIP
<b>Mon., Jan. 28</b>	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Weds., Jan. 30</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lunch Bunch
	6:00 p.m.	Mission Leadership Group
<b>Fri., Feb. 1</b>	6:00 p.m.	Middle School Youth Dinner Out
<b>Sun., Feb. 3</b>	8:00 a.m.	Bible 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](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!

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank You!*