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## MISSION OUTREACH

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### **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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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. They also will host their annual **Souper Bowl Fundraiser on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>** at Haley House Bakery Café. 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 built connections with Haley House as part of its food justice work, initially.

### **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.

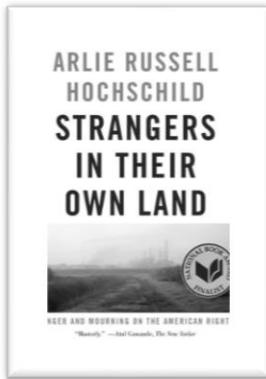
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## **TODAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR- ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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Thank you to Liz Caronna and David Jones 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.

**LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR AS OURSELVES –**



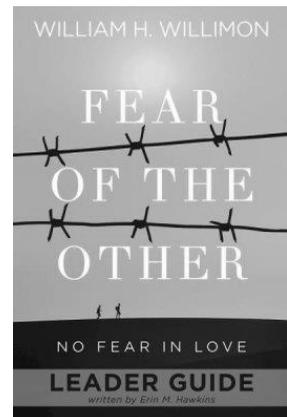
**Book Group, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

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.

**Fear of the Other – No Fear in Love: Beginning on March 4<sup>th</sup>**

“Fear of the Other – No Fear in Love” beginning March 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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>.

## **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

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### **Appalachia Service Project Travelers' Meeting – Saturday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 4-6:00 p.m.**

We are excited to announce our first travelers' meeting for our mission trip with ASP in June! Our final list of travelers, with group and individual registrations and deposits, is **due on March 1<sup>st</sup>**, and we are excited to get ready! This meeting will provide an orientation to the registration process; help us get coordinated as a group; reflect on this year's ASP theme; and learn about ASP and our work with them. There will be pizza and snacks! If you can't make it to this Saturday session, please note that Amy will lead a brief make-up orientation to the registration process on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m., just before High School Youth Group. Please RSVP to Amy, Justin Pond or Claire Slack. Parents are welcome.

### **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!



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

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)).

## 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.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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<b>Sun., Feb. 3</b>	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Tue., Feb. 5</b>	6:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
<b>Wed., Feb. 6</b>	6:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
<b>Sun., Feb. 10</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!*