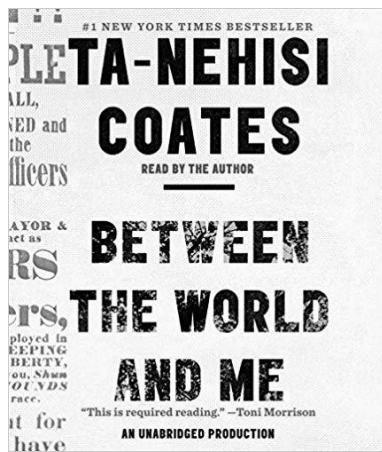


Community Thanksgiving Dinner 2019

Believe it or not, our UCW Community Thanksgiving Dinner is right around the corner! This event brings together local seniors and families who sit down together for a relaxing meal and a time of fellowship. This year's dinner will take place on Saturday, November 23rd at 2:00 p.m., and we need lots of volunteers! Even if you cannot attend the actual dinner, there are tasks you can do to help. Please see UCW.org to sign up to volunteer. We would also love it if UCW members invite folks who would enjoy our dinner. Reach out to Alicia Collins (aliciamaureencollins@gmail.com) or look in the side chapel for invitations that you can distribute. Thanks for supporting this wonderful event!

Those who participate are encouraged to participate in an opportunity to reflect on the experience of sharing a meal with our neighbors after fellowship on Dec. 1st.

ADULT EDUCATION, SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND FELLOWSHIP



BOOK GROUP – DECEMBER 10TH, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Our next book is "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

"In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of "race," a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men—bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden?"

(Amazon review)

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP: 7:30 – 8:15 a.m.

We live in a noisy world. There is much that clamors for our attention. Even when we shut our eyes at night it may take a while for the din to die down enough for us to sleep. You are invited into a practice of cultivating spaciousness and silence. You are invited into the beauty of the morning light streaming in through the windows of Memorial Chapel. You are invited to rest a while in the peace of stillness. If you have questions, please be in touch with Sandra DaDalt or Pastor Stacy.

MISSION OUTREACH

INEQUITY AND INEQUALITY IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

This year your Mission Outreach Leadership Team is organizing its work (and coordinating with the other areas of UCW life) around seasonal themes. These will provide an organizing context for the many mission activities and we will coordinate educational opportunities, worship, and children's education around these themes when possible. We also hope to coordinate our seasonal offerings around these themes.

Themes are as follows:

Fall – Inequality and Inequity in Public Education

Winter – Homelessness and Housing

Looking forward to our winter theme of Homelessness and Housing issues, you are invited to participate in the Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 23rd and to share a personal moment from this experience in a reflection after fellowship on Dec. 1st.

Spring – Climate Change (and disaster relief)

For our fall exploration of Inequality and Inequity in Public Education, we invite you to partake of the following educational opportunity TODAY at 3:00 p.m.

- The 2019 Theodore Parker Lecture, "The Urgency of Equal Education For All", featuring Rev. Willie Bodrick II, Associate Minister, Twelfth Baptist Church of Roxbury at 3:00 p.m. at the Theodore Parker UU Church, 1859 Centre St., West Roxbury, MA 02131

For more information about these offerings, please see the Friday e-blast. Or please feel free to reach out to Carol Bascom-Slack, Jaap van Reijendam or Julie Heffernan.



GBIO UPDATE Eleven Union Church folks joined over 800 people of faith from member churches, mosques and synagogues and allied groups of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization at their "Rise Up for Healthcare" assembly on November 4th. The legislative objectives include ending high costs of prescription drugs, achieving mental health parity and eliminating surprise out-of-network medical charges. We are proud to join our voices and our advocacy with our allies through GBIO to achieve an affordable and equitable health care system for all. If you have any questions, or for more information please see Mark Smith (mark@dogwoodlanefarm.org), our GBIO liaison.

CLIMATE ACTION AND BRAINSTORMING MEETING TODAY. 11:30 a.m. After church today we will gather on the stage to learn about opportunities to engage in important climate action work that is underway as well as to plan for the spring where climate will be our mission/outreach theme.

LUNCH AT WHAM'S CAFÉ: Next Saturday, November 16th



You are invited to join us at Wham's Cafe in Lowell on Nov 16th. The restaurant and the owner have been the recipient of a Union Church 1K loan to expand their food service. Enjoy fabulous food and a chance to lunch together in celebration of a successful partnership. Please let Brita Gill-Austern (bgillaustern@gmail.com) or Nancy Zollers (dr.nancy.zollers@gmail.com) know if you can go and if you would like to carpool.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

YOUTH GROUPS: HELPING HANDS CLEAN-UP AND DONUTS

Sunday, November 17th

Following worship on Nov. 17th, the Middle and High School Youth Groups, including the Exploring Our Faith group, will gather in teams to lend a hand to any members of the congregation who could use help with yard or house work, or other projects. If you could use a helping hand, or can lend a helping hand, please contact Pastor Amy (amy@ucw.org). Youth Group families will receive an email invite and can RSVP at ucw.wespire.com. Thank you!



KIDS AND YOUTH SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER

Friday, Nov. 22nd and Saturday, Nov. 23rd

Our beloved Thanksgiving Community Dinner is coming up soon (see details on the first page), and is a great opportunity for all-ages to serve! Come on Friday night to help set up, or on Saturday to help serve and welcome our guests. You can sign up through the link on the ucw.org homepage.

SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – KIDS LEAD US IN ADVENT WORSHIP

Sunday, December 15th (with rehearsal on Dec. 14th)

We're excited to begin thinking about our child-and-youth-led Advent worship service. If you or your kids would like to share music for this special service, lead our storytelling or liturgy, or help behind the scenes, greeting, or in any other way, please let Pastor Amy (amy@ucw.org) know. There are ways for everyone to participate!

Update on our Search for a Nursery Caregiver/Teacher!

We were so sorry to say goodbye to our beloved nursery caregiver Lisa Barry earlier this fall as she moved to Worcester, and have been actively searching for a new, experienced, compassionate caregiver for our little ones. We're pleased to share that we have multiple candidates and will be starting interviews soon. In the meantime, we are so grateful for the adults and teens who have stepped up to serve in the nursery, and spend time playing with our babies and toddlers. If you can help out until we find our new staff person please let Pastor Amy know. Thanks!

NEWCOMERS – WE WELCOME YOU!

Nametags – Knowing each other by name is important to us. It is a way to say to each other that you and I matter and it is an invitation into friendship and community. If you are new to us and do not yet have a name tag, please use the welcome card in the pew pocket to let us know that you would like one to be waiting for you the next time you come into this place.

Friday e-blast – Every Friday an electronic newsletter/update is sent to the community. It features much information about upcoming events as well as reflections on what has been. If you would like to subscribe to this vital information channel within the church, again please fill out the welcome card and indicate such.

Membership – Could the Union Church be a spiritual home for you and your family? Would you like to learn more about the Union Church in Waban, its history, its present-day programs and offering, and its vision for the future? If so, please reach out to Pastor Stacy (stacy@ucw.org or 617-759-9016).

TODAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR- ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thank you to Jane Purser for laying our table and hosting our fellowship time this morning. If you would like to host a future, after-church Fellowship Hour, 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun., Nov. 10	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study	The Union Church in Waban: 14 Collins Road, Waban, MA 02468
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	
	10:00 a.m.	Worship	
	11:30 a.m.	Climate Conversation	
Tue., Nov. 12	6:00 p.m.	Teaching Parish Committee	
Wed., Nov. 13	7:30 a.m.	Prayer Group	
Thur., Nov. 14	6:30 p.m.	Pastoral Relations Committee	
Sun., Nov. 17	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	
	10:00 a.m.	Worship	For a complete listing, and details of upcoming events, please visit our website, www.ucw.org
	11:00 a.m.	Nicaragua Travelers' Meeting	
	11:15 a.m.	Montgomery Travelers Meeting	
	11:30 a.m.	Helping Hands Clean-up	
	7:30 p.m.	Parents' Gathering	

COPY DEADLINE: 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!