

# Religious Exploration for All Ages

## November/December 2018 & January 2019

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# ❖ Unitarian Universalist Fellowship/Westchester, Mt. Kisco (UUFNW)

## ● First Unitarian Society of Westchester, Hastings (FUSW)

<p>Every Sunday, both congregations offer worship services at 10:30am.</p> <p>Each offers a children's area in the worship room. Childcare is always available.</p> <p>The calendar shows additional opportunities. Topics for afternoon programming for all ages posted on our webpages.</p>	<p><b>November 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 10:30am Whole Congregation Worship</li> <li>❖ 10:30am Youth Coming of Age</li> <li>● 10:30am Children's Worship &amp; HS Youth-led Activity for Children</li> </ul>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 10:30am Whole Congregation Worship</li> <li>❖ 11:30am Community Lunch</li> <li>❖ 12:30pm Short Worship for All Ages</li> <li>❖ 1:00pm Programming for All Ages</li> <li>● 7:00am Breakfast Run</li> <li>● 10:30am Whole Congregation Worship</li> </ul>	<p>18</p> <p><b>Collection of holiday gifts for children in both congregations, through Dec 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 10:30am Whole Congregation Worship</li> <li>● 10:30am Whole Congregation Worship</li> <li>● 11:30am Stone Soup Lunch</li> <li>● 12:30pm Short Worship for All Ages</li> <li>● 1:00pm Programming for All Ages</li> </ul>	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 10:30am Whole Congregation Worship</li> <li>● 10:30am Whole Congregation Worship</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 6:00pm Midnight Run Donation Drop Off</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday 30<sup>th</sup></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 6:30pm Youth &amp; Adult Midnight Run</li> <li>● 7:00pm Youth Lock-In</li> </ul>
<p><b>December 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 10:30am Children's Classes</li> <li>● 10:30am Children's Worship &amp; Youth-led Activity</li> <li>● 11:30am Holiday Party</li> <li>● 12:00pm Elementary OWL Parent Orientation</li> </ul>	<p>9</p> <p><b>Last day to drop off holiday gift donations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 10:30am Pancake Breakfast &amp; Tree Trim</li> <li>❖ 12:00pm Elementary OWL</li> <li>● 10:30am Elementary OWL Classes</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ UU College of Social Justice Youth Activate! at Mt. Kisco</li> <li>● 7:00pm Midnight Run</li> </ul>	<p>16</p> <p>Rev. Michael &amp; Rev. Peggy Pulpit Swap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 10:30am Children's Classes and Youth COA Class</li> <li>● 10:30am Elementary OWL Classes</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 4:00pm COA Youth at the Interfaith Pantry</li> </ul>	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 10:30am Whole Congregation Worship</li> <li>● 10:30am Whole Congregation Worship</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></u></p> <p><b>5:00pm Christmas Eve Service (both congregations)</b></p>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 10:30am Whole Congregation Worship</li> <li>● 10:30am Whole Congregation Worship</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>December 24-30</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Hosting the Emergency Shelter Partnership</li> </ul>
<p><b>January 6</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 10:30am Children's Classes</li> <li>● 10:30am Elementary OWL Classes</li> <li>● 11:30am Stone Soup Lunch</li> <li>● 12:30pm Short Worship for All Ages</li> <li>● 1:00pm Programming for All Ages</li> </ul>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 10:30am Religion &amp; Faith RE Class</li> <li>❖ 11:30am Community Lunch</li> <li>❖ 12:30pm Short Worship for All Ages</li> <li>❖ 1:00pm Programming for All Ages</li> <li>● 10:30am Elementary OWL Classes</li> </ul>	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 10:30am Whole Congregation Worship</li> <li>● 10:30am Elementary OWL Classes</li> </ul>	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 10:30am Religion &amp; Faith RE Class</li> <li>● 10:30am Elementary OWL Classes</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday pm 25<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Coming of Age Credo Writing Retreat</li> </ul>	<p>UUFNW: <a href="http://www.uufellowship.org">www.uufellowship.org</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Rev. Michael Tino, <a href="mailto:revmichaeltino@gmail.com">revmichaeltino@gmail.com</a></li> <li>❖ Tracy Breneman, <a href="mailto:dreuufnw@gmail.com">dreuufnw@gmail.com</a></li> </ul> <p>FUSW: <a href="http://www.fusw.org">www.fusw.org</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rev. Peggy Clarke, <a href="mailto:pclarke@uuma.org">pclarke@uuma.org</a></li> <li>● Tracy Breneman, <a href="mailto:DRETracyB@gmail.com">DRETracyB@gmail.com</a></li> </ul>

# Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Westchester (UUFNW) and First Unitarian Society of Westchester (FUSW)

## Two Congregations Collaborating on Religious Exploration for All Ages, 2018-2019

All programming is open to everyone!

### SUNDAY MORNING

**10:30am Worship Service:** Many Sunday mornings, we worship as a whole congregation. Both congregations offer a children's area in the worship rooms where young people can enjoy quiet activities while experiencing the words, music and rituals of our faith. Childcare is also available. When we do offer morning Religious Exploration:

#### UUFNW

- ❖ **Younger Elementary Children's Class:** The *Free to Believe* curriculum focuses on the seven Unitarian Universalist Principles as a starting point for exploring values, beliefs and some "big questions."
- ❖ **Older Elementary Children's Class:** Older elementary children participate in the Religion and Faith class where they learn about religions and spiritual practices of the world, and explore deep questions about religion and faith.
- ❖ **Middle School Youth Class:** The *Coming of Age* (COA) curriculum guides youth toward a clearer understanding of their beliefs at this point in their lives. Half of the classes are Sunday morning; half are Sunday afternoon. All are held at Mt. Kisco and the year culminates with a UU heritage trip to Boston.

#### FUSW

- **Children's Worship & Community Building:** Once each month, elementary age children will enjoy a short worship service created especially for them. After worship, the high school youth will lead fun community building activities with the children that promote Unitarian Universalist principles and values.
- **Elementary Our Whole Lives Classes:** December to March, when there is a break from sports, the children will participate in elementary *Our Whole Lives* classes that offer discussions about bodies, families and safety, grounded in the principles of respect, relationship and responsibility. These can promote healthy self-image and open communication between parents and children.

### 11 SUNDAY AFTERNOONS 11:30am-12:30pm Community Lunch 12:30-12:50pm All Ages Worship Service 1:00-2:15pm Programming (listed below)

Children's programming, COA, and OWL classes are unique to each location. The youth and adult group about Indigenous peoples, the adult class to explore evolving beliefs, and the group for parents, grandparents, and caregivers are ongoing series that continue in both locations.

#### UUFNW

October 21, November 11, January 13, February 10, and March 10

- ❖ Childcare
- ❖ **Elementary children's *Our Whole Lives* (OWL) classes** offering discussions about bodies, families, and safety
- ❖ *Coming of Age* (COA) classes continue for **middle school youth**
- ❖ **Youth and adults** learn about the history and current reality of Indigenous peoples in the United States, leading to service opportunities in the spring
- ❖ A class for **adults to** explore how their beliefs have evolved and change, grounded in discussions of theology
- ❖ A group for **parents, grandparents, and caregivers** to support each other as they bring shared values into relationships with the children and youth

#### FUSW

October 14, November 18, January 6, February 3, March 3, and April 7

- Childcare and supervised children's community building activities
- **Youth and adults** learn about the history and current reality of Indigenous peoples in the United States, leading to service opportunities in the spring for indigenous communities in New York and South Dakota
- A class for **adults to** explore how their beliefs have evolved and change, grounded in discussions of theology
- A group for **parents, grandparents, caregivers** to support each other as they bring shared values into relationships with the children and youth

\*Individual calendars for each class and group are posted on our websites: [uufellowship.org](http://uufellowship.org) & [fusw.org](http://fusw.org).

\*All programming for children and youth is staffed by two adults, as required by our Safe Congregation Policy.