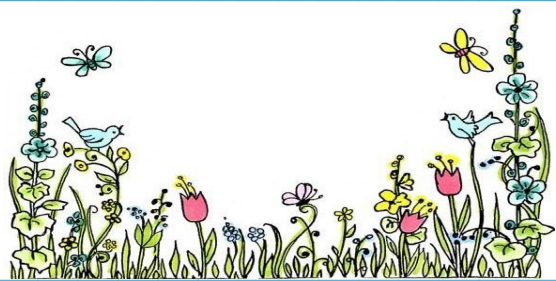


The Gleam

April 2019 Newsletter
Unitarian Universalist Church of Wakefield



from
interim
MINISTER

Death is a paradox. We are aware of the limits of our physical bodies; we know that death is irrevocable. Yet we wonder if death is the end of the story. Easter celebrates that mystery.

We observe Easter here, and in so doing we link our story to the story of Jesus, a man for whom death was not final. How do we understand the Resurrection, as religious liberals?

Typically, we make a few moves to explain it away, or divert attention to something less challenging. We might chalk it up to a psychological event – who among us has not experienced the presence of a loved one who has died? Or we may put the Resurrection in the category of miracles, which we don't believe in. In so doing, we bypass the question of what the Resurrection means.

Yes, Jesus died. And yes, he continued (continues) to be present to his followers as a source of hope and courage, and to humanity as a force of healing and justice. Something did happen, so powerful that it caused the early Christian community to coalesce around the event. It was a religious experience. It began not with the death of Jesus but in the way he lived.

We were not there to witness the event. But as a stone hits the water, we can see its effects across time. It ripples through the past as we continue to interpret Jesus' life and death. It ripples through the present and into the future as we envision what the world can become and our role in making this happen.

In faith,

Rev. Bruce Taylor



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Important Dates for Your Calendar

Saturday, April 6

Linden Tree Coffeehouse, 8pm

Sunday, April 7

**Comedy Night, My Brother's Table
fundraiser at Prince Pizzeria, 6-9pm**

Thursday, April 11

Church Mice Cleaning Night, 7-9pm

Saturday, April 13

Pledge Dinner, 6pm

Sunday, April 14

Jesus Christ Superstar Sing Along, 12noon

Friday, April 19

Rise Up Singing, 7:30pm

Sunday, April 28

Book Group, 12pm

Meditation Practice Group, 4pm

April Services

All Sunday services begin at 10:30AM.
Music by Alla Vishnevetsky starts at 10:20AM.

April 7: Rev. Bruce Taylor

The Net of Gratitude

Sanctuary

Jalaluddin Rumi wrote, "Thankfulness is the soul of beneficence ... Hunt for bounty with the net of gratitude". Each year in early Spring, we are invited to consider what we are willing to give financially to sustain this faith community and the greater good that it serves. Today's sermon explores the deep connections between appreciation and abundance, giving and gratitude.

April 14: Janine Fabiano

Transformative Justice: The Path of Freedom Chapel Service in Social Hall

We will focus on transformative justice thru showing and discussing the short film *Path of Freedom*. "In the harsh environment of a Rhode Island men's prison, a group of fifty inmates are transforming their lives through the practice of meditation. *Path of Freedom* follows former inmate Fleet Maull as he visits prison to share his strategies for surviving on the inside. The film offers a rare glimpse into the inner lives of men reaching for forgiveness, inner peace and freedom behind bars."

Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

Led by Rev. Taylor Thursday, April 18 at 7P.M.

On this Thursday night before Easter, the congregation is invited to share in the living memory of Jesus and the truths for which he lived and died. Communion will be served, for those who choose to take it. All are welcome.

April 21: Rev. Bruce Taylor

The Resurrection Event

Sanctuary

As human beings, we live with the dual awareness of being alive, and knowing that we will die. But suppose death is not the end of the story? On this Easter Sunday, we explore the mystery of the Resurrection and its implications for our own lives.

April 28: Rev. Ed Lynn

How Can Cold Nights, Motorcycles Accidents and Imaginary Cemetery Laments Lead to Wisdom?

Sanctuary

When I retired from my church, I thought it would be appropriate to conclude with a sermon of what I considered my accumulated wisdom. As I started preparing the sermon, I realized I was not sure what to say. Since then I have decided on a different approach to wisdom.

Our Church's Mission:

We gather in faith to

Welcome with open appreciation,

Worship together in community.

Walk a path of truth, and

Work with love for a better world today.

This Month's Guest

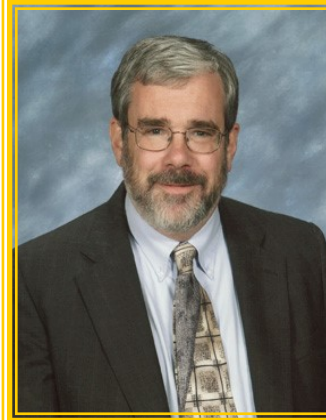
Speaker:

Rev. Edwin Lynn is

Minister Emeritus of the
Northshore Unitarian
Universalist Church in



Danvers, MA, where he served as minister for 33 years. Rev. Lynn was also a Visiting Lecturer at the Harvard Divinity School for 22 years. In addition, he is an architect and author of the book *Tired Dragons: Adapting Religious Architecture to Changing Needs*. His most recent publication is the book entitled *Shorelines: Life Lessons from the Sea*.



Minister's Availability and Office Hours

I respond promptly to emails and cell phone messages (603-233-3554) between 9:00am and 9:00pm, Tuesday through Sunday.

(Monday is my Sabbath). For pastoral emergencies, please call me anytime and I will respond as soon as I can. During the month of January, I plan to be in my office on the following days.

Tuesdays 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23 and 4/30 from
1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Thursdays 4/4, 4/11 and 4/25 from 10 A.M. to
2:00 P.M.

Thursday 4/18 from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Since these hours may change due to unforeseen circumstances, I encourage you to call ahead.

Church Mice Cleaning Night!

Thursday, April 11, 7-9pm



Thank you to Lorna & Janine for cleaning lower level of the church on March 7. Thursday, April 11 is the next opportunity for people to clean the church together. Typically, the Church Mice Night will be the first Thursday of the month, 7pm-9pm but this month it will be the 2nd Thursday.

UU Book Group

All Readers Welcome!



The Book Group will meet on the 4th Sunday in April, 28th, at noon in the Gathering Room. There is no particular topic planned, just come share what you have been reading. All readers are welcome!

Happy Reading!

- Mary Adele Taylor



Meditation Practice
Group—
The Silent Pause
led by Joe Cresta

This is held monthly on the **fourth Sunday of the month at 4:00 PM** on the stage in our Social Hall. The next session will be on Sunday, **April 28**. Allow about an hour, bring your meditation cushion, if you have one, or you can sit in a chair. At times there may be others leading meditation, including our Affiliate Community Minister, Ralph Galen. The group is open to everyone; there is no commitment to be there every month and no cost. A free-will offering to benefit the ministries of the church is appreciated. For more information, call Joe Cresta at 781-640-2619 or email him at j7cresta@comcast.net.

Rise Up Singing



Our next Rise Up Singing event will take place on Friday, April 19 at 7:30 PM in the Social Hall. It's an informal and spirited evening of shared music-making inspired by, but not limited to the *Rise Up Singing* and *Rise Again* songbooks. Singers and instrumentalists of all ages are welcome! No auditions and no rehearsals – just come and join in. Free Will Offering (\$5 suggested donation). Please consider bringing a non-perishable item for the Food Pantry.

Jesus Christ Superstar Sing Along – Sunday, April 14th, 12noon

Unitarian Universalists enjoy celebrating the stories and traditions of many different religions, including, in this case, the music from the rock opera “*Jesus Christ Superstar*”.

If you like singing, dancing or just listening to the wonderful music and lyrics of Andrew Lloyd Webbers’ *Jesus Christ Superstar*, join us on Sunday, April 14 starting at 12PM after coffee hour in the Social Hall. We will be singing along with the original 1970's recording with the words projected on a large screen – yes, *Jesus Christ Superstar* karaoke style! Any questions, email Janine at j9fabiano@yahoo.com



Linden Tree Coffeehouse

Presenting the Finest of

Folk Music since 1985

Now in Our 34th Season!



Pete & Maura Kennedy

Saturday, April 6

Doors open at 7:30pm

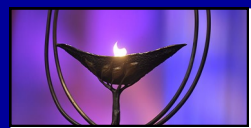
Show begins at 8pm

Tickets are \$20

For further information and updates:

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President's Message

We kick off this year's pledge drive with a dinner. Come and eat with your fellow members and friends. We'll get an update on what's happening in the church. We'll talk about how next year's budget is shaping up. We'll talk about what we have done over the last two years. The pledge dinner will be on Saturday, April 13, at 6:00 PM. We'll be asking for your help with the dinner, watch for future emails on what you can do. Janine will hand out the pledge packets after dinner.

Finally, after talking about it for a long time we have a new kitchen door. This door has a panic bar so we can safely exit should an emergency occur. No more holding the door and trying to lock or unlocking it. Below is a picture of the new door, we will paint it next month.

I hope you can come to dinner on April 13th!

Joe



“New” Church Kitchen Refrigerator!

A big thank you to Elizabeth and Matthew Lowry for the gently used refrigerator that they not only donated, but also delivered to the church, set up, and made the old rusty one disappear. Thanks!!!

Around the Block

Do you know of some news that should be shared with our congregation? Please send it to news@wakefielduu.org, and it will appear in next month's Around the Block.

Save the Date, Save your Fleas and Sort through your Jewelry to Donate! **Annual Flea Market and Jewelry Sale coming this spring...**

Please start sorting through your jewelry and ask your family & friends to sort thru their jewelry as well, and donated to our “Jewelry Sale”.

Jewelry donations can be given directly to Janine starting in April. All other “flea” donations can be brought to the church Sunday, May 5, thru Thursday, May 9.

Pre-Sale for church members and friends:

Friday night, May 10, 6:30 - 8pm

Flea Market & Jewelry Sale:

Saturday, May 11, 9am – 1pm

Wanted: your fleas!!! Wanted: your jewelry!!!
Wanted: volunteers needed for setup & prep Monday evening – Thursday evening, and for selling on Friday night and for selling & clean up on Saturday
POC: Janine Fabiano, j9fabiano@yahoo.com

Comedy Night

It's been a tough winter, and we could all use some laughs! Buy tickets and attend **Grin & Share It**, an annual fundraising event to benefit **My Brother's Table**. This year, it's practically in our own backyard at Prince Pizzeria on Route 1 in Saugus. If you would be interested in going as a group, contact Vicky Doran in person, or by email at VickyDoran2@gmail.com.

GRIN & SHARE IT XV

TO BENEFIT MY BROTHER'S TABLE

Dinner, Auction &
Comedy Show

Starring
Don Gavin
and many of his
comedian friends,
including
Lenny Clarke,
Tony V and more!

April 7, 2019 6-9pm

NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR!

Prince Pizzeria

517 Broadway (Rt. 1), Saugus, MA

\$60 per ticket
To reserve tickets please call
My Brother's Table 781-595-3224
or purchase tickets online at
www.mybrotherstable.org

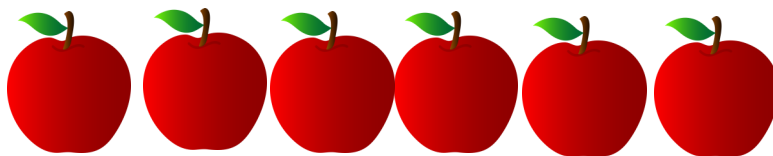


UU Annual Food Drive

for the

Wakefield Food Pantry

Sunday mornings in April



* **Most Needed** *

FOOD

Baked Beans*

Canned beef stew, chili, pasta*

Cereal (brand name)

Condiments (ketchup, mustard, relish)

Pasta (in boxes, not bags)

Pasta Sauce (in jars, not cans)

Rice (boxed)

Potatoes (boxed)

** Pop-tops are preferable when available as many receiving assistance don't have access to a kitchen or can opener*

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Shampoo** & Conditioner**

Toothbrushes** & Toothpaste**

Deodorant

Lotion (hand and body)**

Miscellaneous health & beauty products

CLEANING SUPPLIES

Dishwashing liquid

Laundry detergent

General cleaning: wipes, sprays, sponges

*** Assorted sizes are needed, since some are for single people and others are going to families*

Cloth Shopping Bags - We are collecting bags, too!

When clients bring their own reusable bags, they can choose two items from the "bonus shelves"

Check Expiration Dates - Expired or out-of-date items must be discarded

Monetary Donations Encouraged - Make **checks** out to the **Wakefield Food Pantry**

Place **cash** donations in an envelope earmarked for the **Food Pantry**

Place monetary donations in an envelope marked Food Pantry can be place in the collection plate during the service, or in the food collection boxes downstairs in the Main Hall

Every *one* dollar donated buys *four* dollars of food from the Greater Boston Food Bank

Founded in 1982, the Wakefield Food Pantry is a not-for-profit volunteer organization with a mission to provide emergency food supplies to Wakefield residents who need a helping hand.

For more information visit <http://www.wifoodpantry.org>

HUNGER HURTS — A COMMUNITY RESPONDS

Social Action Corner, cont.

UU Legislative Advocacy Day
Tuesday, April 9, 2019
9:30am to 4:00pm
Arlington Street Church



The annual UU Advocacy Day at the State House is coming up! UU Advocacy Day, run by UU Mass Action, begins at the Arlington Street Church with worship, singing, a keynote speaker, networking, and preparation for an afternoon of advocating. After lunch, everyone heads over to the State House to meet with legislators.

In past years, Janine & Sheila have attended and report that it is an interesting and exciting day. This year, our Social Action Committee hopes to coordinate a group to attend together. There is strength in numbers! If you are interested in joining us, contact Janine Fabiano in person or at j9fabiano@yahoo.com. There is a small registration fee of \$25 (\$35 after March 29). Funding is available through our Social Action Committee.

More information can be found in the March Gleam, page 6, & online at www.uumassaction.org

Social Action Committee

Social Action Committee's (SAC) April meeting will be at the church on **Tuesday, April 16, from 7-8:30pm** in the Gathering Room. The SAC meets monthly to discuss & plan our many activities.

As UUs we are guided and inspired to live by the words of our seven UU Principles. Through our work on the Social Action Committee we affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth & dignity of every person,
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations, and
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all

The SAC is open to all, and we would love for you to join us! If you are interested in knowing more about this committee, please speak with any of the committee members at coffee hour, or contact Laura Broding at brodingl@gmail.com.

Laura Broding, Vicky Doran, Janine Fabiano, Sheila Moran, Eric Reid

Thank you for donating items!

During the month of February, members and friends collected new and gently used toasters, coffee makers, sheets & blankets for the Mission of Deeds. Our donation was welcomed and much appreciated by them. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



Annual April Yard Sale

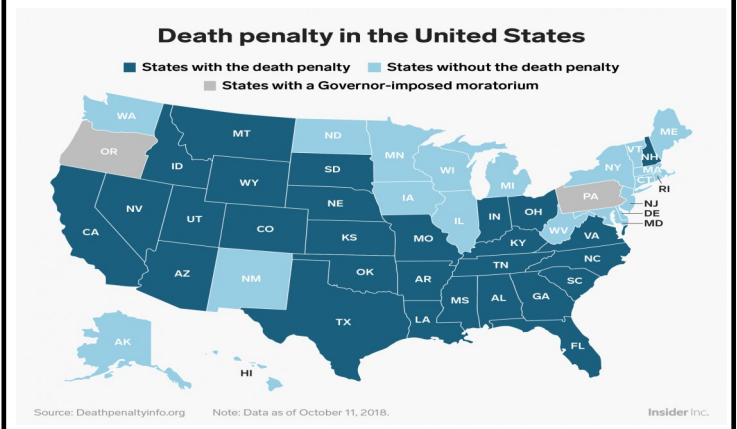
At Mission of Deeds, 6 Chapin Ave, Reading, Saturday, April 27, from 9am until 1pm

This is a HUGE YARD SALE -- Mission of Deeds will be selling, at bargain prices, those donated items that they are unable to give to their clients. Many unique treasures will be offered. All proceeds help provide for those in need. The yard sale is held indoors & outdoors -- rain or shine!

On the 4th Saturday of every other month volunteers from the Wakefield UU Church join with other volunteers to assist with the preparation and service of meals at **My Brother's Table**, a soup kitchen serving the greater Lynn area for an average of 200 guests each day. This event is open to all, and newcomers are welcome. Our next service date is **Saturday, May 25, 2019**. Details will be in the May Gleam.



The Boston North chapter of the Massachusetts Committee Against the Death Penalty (MCADP) will be conducting its annual silent vigil against the death Penalty on Reading Common, Reading, MA on Good Friday, April 19, 2019 from 4 pm to 6 pm. POC: Eric Reid





This Month in Religious Education

This year's RE program, *A World of New Friends*, continues.

Here is our April schedule:

April 7: Story & Activity with Youth Mentors

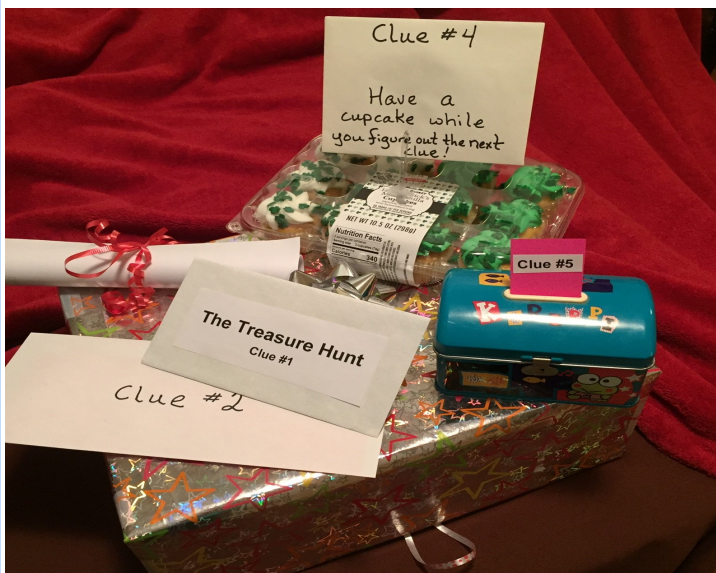
April 14: Earth-Centered: Meet Rowan

April 21: Story & Activity with Youth Mentors

April 28: Earth-Centered: Meet Tiva

March Religious Education Highlight

"What has keys, but doesn't lock?" Thus read the first clue in the UU RE Treasure Hunt held in March. And the second clue? "Hundreds of stories on the stage, but no actors in sight." These clues, and half a dozen more, had our youth puzzling together, working as a team, to reach a treasure box hidden up in the balcony. Our youth did an admirable job of tip-toeing carefully up the creaky balcony stairs during the sermon. This Treasure Hunt was a fun way to learn about the lesser known aspects of our church while at the same time putting into practice our UU Principles which were the RE theme for March. It's not clear who had more fun, the kids or the adults who put the Treasure Hunt together.



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Sunday Morning Volunteers

The following volunteer positions are available each week. Please consider helping out on a weekly, monthly or occasional basis:

Coffee hour: Set-up, clean-up, or provide baked goods, fruit, cheese or juices.

Greeter: Starting around 10:15am, greet and distribute the Sunday order of service in the foyer.

Heat: Open the sanctuary radiators and make sure heat is working early Sunday mornings.

Trash & Recycling: Take a bag or two of trash or recycling away to discard through home pickup.

If you are available to help with any of these Sunday morning duties, please send an email at admin@wakefielduu.org or call Joe Cresta at (781) 640-2619 with task and available dates.

Worship Associate: Set up sanctuary for service, make announcements and light & extinguish chalice. Training is provided.

Contact Jackie Millinor at uumillijac@gmail.com or (978) 886-7792 to volunteer.

With Mugs, Red Means Go...

...and introduce yourself!

We invite our guests and visitors to use our red mugs at coffee hour, so we will know who is new to our church. Please look out for the RED mugs and take a minute to say "Hi" to our guests and visitors . If you are a guest or visitor, or have been away for a while, please use one of our RED mugs .



From Gleam Editor: All submissions to the *Gleam* must be in writing - either email or paper copy. Please include the contact name, phone #, and/or email address for each article. Please send email submissions with the word "Gleam" in the subject line to: news@wakefielduu.org

The next *Gleam* deadline is **April 21**

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