



THE GLEAM

November/December 2019 Newsletter

Many thought provoking and meaningful services have filled the sanctuary this fall with guest ministers and student ministers. The Worship Committee will continue filling the pulpit through guest ministers, chapel services and a Music Sunday for November and December, and most likely into the new year. The Ministerial Search Committee met last week, but at this time, there are no ministerial candidates to discuss and interview. There may be potential candidates later fall or early winter.

Beyond the walls of the sanctuary and the church this fall, the Social Action Committee hosted a climate change training with Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN) and co-sponsored a speaker series with the Wakefield Human Rights Commission (WHRC) on human trafficking. The Social Action Committee was very pleased by the strong turn out of twenty church and community members for the training led by MCAN Executive Director Carol Oldham "Wakefield Climate Action 101" in partnership with Sustainable Wakefield and Wakefield Environmental Sustainability Committee. In October, the legal aspects and real experience of Human Trafficking locally, nationally and internationally were outlined and discussed by Angela Linhardt, immigration attorney in New York City and Chelsey Buckley, survivor of domestic sex trafficking. The evening shared some powerful realities about human trafficking today. If you missed the event, please take the time to view the video by copying this link to your web browser or clicking on this link: <https://youtu.be/gDz-KXL8Abs>.

In addition to the pledge support of the church members and friends, the financial health of our congregation needs Shared Space rentals, the one time or on going rental arrangements with outside individuals or organizations, and fundraising events. This fall, the church had a long time renter move on and a couple of new renters begin. If you ever hear of someone looking for a certified kitchen or large room for meeting, dance, theater, classroom or space to rent, please have them contact Elizabeth Lowry at elizlowry86@gmail.com.

Lastly, I would be remiss, and out of character, if I did not take this opportunity to remind the church members and friends of upcoming auction, and the importance of its success on the church's financial health. It is the church's largest fundraiser needing your support through donations and attendance. Plus, it's a really fun evening!

Janine, Church President

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Important Date for your Calendar
Saturday, Nov 2
Linden Tree Coffeehouse, 8pm
Saturday, Nov 9
Annual Church Auction, 6:30pm
Friday, Nov 15
Rise Up Singing (RUS), 7:30pm
Sunday, Nov 24
Book Group, 12noon
Meditation Practice, 4pm
Saturday, Dec 14
Linden Tree Coffeehouse, 8pm
Friday, Dec 20
Winter Solstice followed by RUS
Sunday, Dec 22
Book Group, 12noon
Meditation Practice, 4pm
Tuesday, Dec 24
Christmas Eve Service, 7pm



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

November Services

November 3: Music Sunday by church musicians

Uniting Us Through Music

Music brings us together to help and love each other and our world. Through music, we can provide one strong united voice in our communities and in our world.

Sanctuary

November 10: Rev. Ed Lynn

Sanctuary

November 17: Rabbi Yaakov "Trek" Reef

On Pilgrimage

As seekers, we understand that the path of the pilgrim is a life-long sojourn of the heart and mind. We learn a lot at the wayside hostels we find along the way. In leaving our comfort zone to explore, our journey can bring us a mindfulness necessary to integrate what we've learned into our lives.

Sanctuary

November 24: Chapel Service by Social Action Committee

Exploring the 2nd Principle – Justice, Equity, and Compassion in Human Relations and the introduction the 2019 - 2020 Guest at Your Table: Women, Leaders and Strong Communities.

Social Hall

December Services

December 1: Katie Byron

In the Darkness, There be a Blessing

December brings us into a season of holidays that ask us how we navigate the darkness of winter and how to wait together in hope for a more just future. In this sermon, we explore what it means to be waiting in the darkness and how we might learn to notice the smallest of blessings.

Sanctuary

December 8: Rev. Ed Lynn

Sanctuary

December 15: Lisa Kirk

Sanctuary

December 22: TBD

December 24: Christmas Eve Service, 7pm

Sanctuary

December 29: no service

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.

Guests for November & December



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*.

Rabbi Yaakov 'Trek' Reef walks in the world as an activist, spiritual teacher, and speaker. In 2016, he completed a pilgrimage along the storied Appalachian Trail, taking approximately five million steps over 2189.1 miles between Georgia and Maine to find a deeper connection to the awe-inspiring natural world.
www.trekreef.com.



Katie Byron is a candidate for UU ministry and seminarian pursuing a dual-masters in divinity and social work at Boston University. When not in school, you might find Katie attending a birth as a doula, working on an embroidery project, or spending time under a really good tree. Katie lives in Boston with their partner and two cats.

The Theme for this year's chapel services is the Unitarian Universalist Seven Principles:

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to **affirm** and **promote**.

The inherent **worth** and **dignity** of every person;

Justice, equity and **compassion** in human relations;

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to **spiritual growth** in our congregations;

A free and responsible search for **truth** and **meaning**;

The right of **conscience** and the use of the **democratic process** within our congregations and in society at large;

The goal of **world community** with **peace**, liberty and justice for all;

Respect for the interdependent web of **all existence** of which we are a part.

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Ministerial Search Committee

The search committee for a new 3/4 time minister welcomes Fern Barkalow as the committee's fifth member. The fall has been very light on ministerial prospects, but we are hopeful for winter to early spring for some possible candidates. The committee will continue its directive of finding a new 3/4 time minister who is the best fit for this congregation. Please share any thoughts you may have on this process with any one of the search committee members.

Fern Barkalow
Joe Cresta
Janine Fabiano
Jackie Millinor
Sheila Moran



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.



Around the Block

- *Do you know of some news to be shared with our congregation? Please send it to news@wakefielduu.org, and it will appear in next Around the Block. Thank you!*



During this interim period of having no congregational minister, our neighboring minister is available for pastoral care for our church members and friends. Please contact Janine Fabiano, church president and Joe Cresta, board member if you would like to talk to the minister.

Going, Going, Gone to This Year's Auction – Saturday, November 9th!



Please invite your family, friends, co-workers & neighbors, and come join us for this year's annual auction on Saturday evening, November 9th, beginning at 6:30pm. It promises to be another very fun evening! Along with bidding on both "live" and "silent" auction items, the evening offers a chance to eat, drink, and socialize with your guests, church members & friends, and local community members. The auction is a great opportunity to be the highest bidder on many terrific items and services for you or for holiday gifts for family and friends, while financially helping this church community. See you on the 9th for very fun, lively and entertaining evening!



Religious Education News

The kids were good sports in September and October as we explored Creative Dramatics. Some of the activities had us giggling and others had us groaning, but they all had us working together. Abby, one of our Mentors, is particularly skilled in creating special effects (fx) for horror style productions. On Sunday mornings, with our oldest youth, Abby has been sharing her expertise in using liquid latex to create very realistic looking wounds. This activity is not for the faint of heart!

In November and December, we will expand beyond creative dramatics to include additional art forms. These may include exploring screenwriting, sculpture, and perhaps during the holidays we will try our hand at food art. For those not in-the-know, Food Art is not synonymous with the culinary arts although they are related. Food art is literally art created with food. If the proverbial stars are aligned, members of the congregation will be able to enjoy our efforts during coffee hour.



Meditation Practice Group —

The Silent Pause led by Joe Cresta

The monthly meditation group will meet on Sunday, November 24 and December 22 at 4pm on the stage in the Social Hall. It is open to everyone, and there is no monthly commitment and no cost. Please allow about an hour, and bring your meditation cushion, if you have one, or you can sit in a chair. 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.

UU Book Group



The Book Group is planning to meet on Sunday, November 24th. In honor of Thanksgiving, let's talk about books we are thankful to have read. That means a book you liked, new or old. We will skip December and begin meeting again on the 4th Sunday of the month in the new year. Any questions contact Mary Adele Taylor or Susan Kilkelly



Winter Solstice Planning Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2019
7:00 pm
Gathering Room

All are invited to join in the planning of the annual Winter Solstice celebration. Bring your ideas and suggestions.

Social Action Corner

The Social Action Committee will present the November, 24 Chapel Service titled: Exploring the Second Principle, Justice, Equity and Compassion in Human Relations . This service will introduce this year's Guest at Your Table: Women, Leaders and Strong Communities.

This year Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) has pulled together an exciting theme, converging women's leadership as it relates to strengthening our communities. We invite you join us as we welcome the annual (GAYT) Guest at Your Table program. The essence of many stories shared relate directly to our second principle, Justice, Equity and Human Relations. Hope you can join us!



Guest at Your Table (GAYT) is UUSC's annual intergenerational program to raise support for and awareness about key human rights issues.

Holiday Gift Drive

Our annual gift drive will begin on Sunday, December 1st. Each December, we collect gifts for specific Wakefield families in need. We coordinate our drive with the Wakefield Unit Salvation Army Family Holiday Gift Drive. This Salvation Army Unit functions independently, and services Wakefield families in need, providing assistance and support throughout the year. During the holiday time especially, this gift drive is greatly welcomed by families helping to bring some joy into the lives of these children and their families suffering through tough times.

In December, we will have the opportunity to help some Wakefield children have a wonderful holiday. We hope to give gifts to about 5 families this year. Lists of gifts that the children and their families would love to have will be sent out by email and posted in the sanctuary by December 1st. Please have your gifts to the church by Sunday, December 15. Mark this date on your calendar—Thanks so much!

My Brother's Table
Our next service date at My Brother's Table is Saturday, November 23 and possibly Saturday, December 28.



Everyone intending to help prepare and serve dinner will meet in front of the Wakefield UU Church on Saturday afternoon at noon for carpooling to Lynn. Food preparation is from 12:30pm to 2:30pm followed by serving the food. Clean up is over by 4:30pm at the latest. New volunteers are welcome!

On the 4th Saturday of every other month (and often each 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 (98 Willow St., Lynn), a soup kitchen serving the greater Lynn area for an average of 200 guests each day. Volunteers are encouraged to help for any part of the afternoon as schedules and stamina allow. Families with children are welcome to help. For more information, contact Laura Broding at brodingl@gmail.com, or 617-312-6718 or Kristen Henshaw at motherkrez@hotmail.com, or 781-246-2387



**WAKEFIELD
FOOD PANTRY**
Helping Our Neighbors in Need

Social Action Corner, continued



Mission Of Deeds Winter Coat Drive

Mission of Deeds is collecting new and gently used warm, casual, everyday coats and gloves as well as new hats for men, women and children in need. Last winter, through the generosity of so many, Mission of Deeds gave away over 500 coats to clients!

Donating a winter coat is basically a no-effort way to do a good and charitable deed. Just make sure that it's in good, wearable condition and that you have cleaned out the pockets. November and December, just drop your new or gently used winter coat at the church any Sunday morning, or call or text Sheila Moran at 781-548-9429 to arrange for a pick up. It is that easy! Thank you!!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF STONEHAM & WAKEFIELD

The Boys and Girls Club of Wakefield and Stoneham are dedicated, safe places for youth up to age 18, that offer supervised, engaging, affordable and healthy programs. Their Mission: To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

On November 8, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Stoneham & Wakefield will host the 2019 Bill Chetwynd Memorial Gala at the Danversport Yacht Club starting at 6:30 pm.

For more information please go to their website: <https://www.classy.org/event/bill-chetwynd-memorial-gala/e246171> or call: 781-246-1343

The Social Action Committee (SAC) meets on the third Tuesday of every month in the Gathering Room in the lower level of the church from 7-8:30 pm. The next two meetings are, November 19 and December 17. The SAC meets monthly to discuss and plan our many activities. 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 contact Laura Broding at brodingl@gmail.com, or speak with any of us at coffee hour: Laura Broding, Vicky Doran, Janine Fabiano, Sheila Moran, Eric Reid, Mary Adele Taylor, or Jackie Millinor. 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 and dignity of every person,
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations, and
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all



This Year's Auction: Saturday, November 9th

Calling for Auction Items, Please!!!

This year's annual auction is Saturday evening, November 9th, beginning at 6:30pm and again promises to be another fun and exciting evening! But we still need more interesting, unique and/or practical services and items for this auction to help make it a success again this year! What will you donate or assist with donating for this year's auction?



How about donating a week or weekend at your vacation home or condo, tickets to sporting events, concerts, the theatre or a show. Do you cook or bake? Offer a specialty dessert or dinner, UU's love to eat! Offer assistance with computers, cleaning, yard work, a ride to the airport, child or pet care, etc... Do you have a special talent you could share or teach someone? Be creative!

Contact Janine with any individual donation questions. Look for the auction donation form at the end of this Glean and in the sanctuary, foyer and church hall, and via email. Do you have a good connection with a business or frequent a business that you could ask for a donation of an item or gift certificate? Please contact Sheila Moran, the business donations coordinator at 781-246-9442 or smoran401@gmail.com about donations from businesses so we don't ask any one business more than once.

Want to help out with the auction event? There are lots of tasks of all sizes before and during the auction with which you can help, such as food and beverages, so just contact Janine.

Thanks, and see you on Saturday evening, November 9th!

Auction Committee Chair: Janine Fabiano, j9fabiano@yahoo.com; 781-245-0631

Church Mice Night! Thursday, December 5, 7- 8:30pm

A small colony of "mice" gather monthly when possible to dust, vacuum, and wash floors in the sanctuary, social hall and gathering room.

Thursday, December 5 is the next opportunity for people to clean the rooms in the church together. Typically, the Church Mice Night will be the first Thursday of the month, 7pm-8:30pm, but November 7 evening is needed for the annual church auction set up. Please join us for auction setup starting at 6pm.



See Something Needs to be repaired in or around the church building?

Talk to a Property Committee member, Matt Lowry or Joe Cresta, or email admin@wakefielduu.org



Musical Notes & Events

Rise Up Singing

Rise Up Singing is 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! Rise Up Singing is held on the 3rd Friday of every month at 7:30 PM in the Social Hall. The November session will be on Friday Nov 15th. The December session will follow after the Solstice Celebration on Friday Dec 20th. Free Will Offering (\$5 suggested donation). Please consider bringing a non-perishable item for the Food Pantry.



Winter Solstice Celebration!

All are invited to this year's Winter Solstice Celebration on

Friday, December 20, at 7:30 pm.

Watch as the darkness takes over the earth and how we bring light to the darkness. Hear poems and readings from the serious to the silly. Lend your voice to chants and songs and deck the halls with merriment and surprises!

Please join us afterwards for a Wassail reception and a holiday sing with the Rise Up Singing group of familiar songs and carols.

Linden Tree Coffeehouse - Now in Our 35th Season! Presenting the Finest of Folk Music since 1985

The Linden Tree Coffeehouse will feature two amazing Massachusetts based acts on Saturday, November 2. The concert will present the expressive [Jim Trick](#) and duo [Mark Mandeville & Rianne Richards](#) in their own sets.

Winter Potpourri on Saturday, December 14th with Kirsten Manville featuring Peter Lehndoff

Shows at 8 pm
\$20 (under 18 \$10)

For further information and updates:

www.lindentreecoffeehouse.org

lindentree85@comcast.net

Phone: 781-246-2836





The Board of Management will meet Tuesday, November 12 and December 10 at 7pm in the Gathering Room. All members and friends are always invited to attend any board meeting.

Each board member is a liaison to one or more church committees. Here are the current liaison assignments. Please contact them for assistance with your committees.

1. Administrative Tasks: Joe /Janine
2. Membership: Janine
3. Religious Education: Chris
4. Shared Space: Kurt
5. Finance/Fundraising & Trustees: Chris
6. Property: BOM
7. Safe Congregations: Joe
8. Worship & Music: Janine/Eric Reid
9. Ministerial Relations: BOM
10. Nominating: Kurt
11. Social Action: Eric/Janine

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Planning an Event at the Church?

Please check in with Elizabeth Lowry, the shared space coordinator, to schedule an event or meeting in the church. We have transitioned into using a Google calendar. We hope at some point, we can link this calendar to our website for easier viewing.

Auction Donation Form
17th Annual Church Auction
Saturday, November 9, 2019
Unitarian Universalist Church of Wakefield,
P.O. 529, 326 Main Street, Wakefield, MA 01880

Name _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Item 1) Name & description of donated service/item for auction _____

Name of person/organization making donation if other than self _____

Address _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Restrictions, if any _____ Estimated Value _____

Item 2) Name & description of donated service/item for auction _____

Name of person/organization making donation if other than self _____

Address _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Restrictions, if any _____ Estimated Value _____

Donation Ideas

Services ideas: photography, rides to airport, babysitting, pet sitting, home repairs, bike tune ups, tax advice, house cleaning, computer repair, makeovers, juggling lessons, yard cleanups.

Items ideas: sporting event; concert and performance tickets, get away weekends or weeks, baked goods and desserts, holiday specialties, dinners.

And please use your own imagination, skills and talents!

For restaurant or business gift certificates, please check with Sheila Moran at smoran401@gmail.com to see if the business has already been contacted.

Please return this completed form to auction donation form box in the church foyer, to Janine at coffee hour, mail to church or email to j9fabiano@yahoo.com by Monday, November 4.

For questions, please contact Janine Fabiano at 781-245-0631 or j9fabiano@yahoo.com

Thank you for your support of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Wakefield

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Save the Date: Saturday, November 9th!
Check in and Silent Auction beginning at 6:30PM
Live Auction beginning at 7:30PM
Food & Beverage available throughout the evening

We Are a Welcoming Congregation



Having fulfilled the requirements of our denomination to be a "Welcoming Congregation", the Wakefield UU Church is intentional about celebrating the presence and full

participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons in all aspects of congregational life. We also welcome all persons regardless of race, economic status, theological and political perspective, or other distinctions that keep us from embracing our common humanity. We acknowledge that we still have work to do and we welcome your advice about how we may be more welcoming. We want to say, truthfully, **"All are welcome here!"**

From Gleam Editor: The Gleam is now a bi-monthly newsletter with 5 publications a year:

Sep/Oct, Nov/Dec, Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr & May/Jun.

All submissions for 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

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