



# THE GLEAM

Unitarian Universalist Church of Wakefield

March/April 2020 Newsletter

## PRESIDENT'S PIECE

April is the church's birthday month with April 29, 1813 as its exact birthday. A Stewardship Drive during March and April is the perfect chance to reflect on all that this church has given since 1813 through its many years as a progressive church community; to each of us, to this church community, to this town and the beyond.

This church began very small, seven men thinking differently, beyond just what they had been taught and heard from the established way of thinking and believing. Over the years, the church has grown in membership, then decreased, then grown again. We have experienced another decline in membership over the last several years. Many will say "more now than ever with the state of the country and world, we need this church". I don't disagree. This church has stood strong and assisted this congregation and its local community through many challenging times from the Civil War, to the fight for the women's right to vote, through a couple world wars to the battle for Marriage Equality.

With all that this church has and can continue to give, again at a time in our history when this church is needed most, we the keepers of this church want to see it grow again. To be here to provide that safe place to think beyond the status quo, to challenge what is not working for many people in our society today, to offer assistance where needed and to share our vision of compassion and justice with the world.

And now, I ask that we each pause and take this time to think about what we can give back to this church so it may stay strong and vibrant as it helps guide us forward. Of course, the future is unknown, but the path we find ourselves on feels more and more unkind and unstable. We need caring communities like our church community is continue to support us as we "*walk a path of truth, and work with love for a better world today.*" Please join me in supporting this church with your time, energy and financial resources to the best of your ability.

*Janine*

Church President



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

**March & April Services**

**March 1: Julie Lombard**

**32407 + 34902** - Come hear stories of resilience, hope, and courage- love stories born out of the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau and the Gulags of Siberia. When Jews are sent to work at the camps, some earn privileged positions as tattooists or desk jobs. They use their privileged positions to help keep their fellow prisoners alive. One prisoner vows to survive the camp and marry a fellow prisoner. Hear testaments to the endurance of love and humanity under the darkest possible conditions. Join us for worship and leave with your spirit lifted up.

*Sanctuary*

**March 8: Led by Jackie/Joe**

**In Search of Reverend Olympia Brown with film and discussion** - In celebration of the centennial anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote, we explore the life and works of the Universalist minister Rev. Olympia Brown. Rev. Brown was the first woman graduate of a regularly established theological school in 1863 and later the first woman ordained with full "denominational authority" by a denomination in America. A staunch advocate of women's rights, she was one of the few original suffragists who lived to see the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment in 1920 and to vote in the presidential election later that year.

*Chapel Service in Social Hall*

**March 15: Trek Reef**

**The Equinox** - Spring is almost here, the vernal equinox approaches. It's almost autumn south of the equator. How we mark the days of our lives matters.

*Sanctuary*

**March 22: UUA Justice Sunday led by Social Action Committee**

**Celebrating 80 years of UUSC: Brave legacy, bold future** - Since UUSC's founding in May of 1940, Unitarian Universalist congregations have been fundamental partners in our work to advance human rights. As part of UUSC's 80th anniversary celebration this spring, we invite congregations to join us as we explore key highlights and lessons of UUSC history – and look ahead to the next 80 years.

*Sanctuary*

**March 29: Worship Committee**  
**The Fifth Principle - The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;**

*Chapel Service in Social Hall*

**April 5: Bruce Taylor**

**"Who Is Christ for Us?"** - As Unitarian Universalists, we understand Jesus in many different ways, but we tend to distinguish between the human Jesus and the rich web of meaning that grew up around him. Today's sermon invites us to join in dialogue not only with Jesus, but also with the Christ.

*Sanctuary*

**April 12: Katie Byron**

*Sanctuary*

**April 19: Trek Reef**

**I Speak for Trees** - This week, we'll be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. Let us celebrate our Blue Boat Home.

*Sanctuary*

**April 26: Worship Committee**

**The Sixth Principle - The goal of world community with peace liberty and justice for all**

*Chapel Service in Social Hall*

## Service Guests for March & April

**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](http://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.

**Rev. Bruce Taylor** attended Andover Newton Theological School and was ordained to ministry in 2009. He has served congregations in Billerica, Ashby, Leominster and here at our church. In his free time, Bruce likes to play the flute, do creative photography, and spend time in the woods. He lives in Nashua, NH with his beloved wife, Loretta.

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 .



**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.*

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 committee continues its directive of finding a new 3/4 time minister who is the best fit for this congregation. This is not a process that we want to rush. We strive to find a minister who will inspire us, complements our values and lead us toward our congregational and personal goals. 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. Check in with Joe on Sunday mornings to help out.

If you are available to help with any of these Sunday morning duties, please send an email at [admin@wakefielduu.org](mailto: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. Contract Jackie Millinor at [uumillijac@gmail.com](mailto:uumillijac@gmail.com) or (978) 886-7792 to volunteer.

## Around the Block

Do you know of some news to be shared with our congregation?

Please send it to

[news@wakefielduu.org](mailto:news@wakefielduu.org), and it will appear in next Around the Block.

Thank you!



## UU Common Read

This year's UU Common Read is [An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States](#) by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz.

The UU Common Read book discussion will be Sunday, March 22nd at 12noon in the Gathering Room.

## Meditation Practice

Group —

The Silent Pause led by

Joe Cresta



The monthly meditation group will meet on Sunday, March 22 and April 26 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](mailto:j7cresta@comcast.net).

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.

## UU Book Group

Sundays, March 22 & April 26



The Book Group will join with the March 22nd UU Common Read discussion. This year's selection is [An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States](#)

The Book Group will meet again on April 26 in the Gathering Room

## "Guiding Us Forward"

Stewardship Drive &  
Church Luncheon



This year's annual Stewardship Drive "Guiding Us Forward" kicks off with a luncheon on Sunday, March 15. All church members and friends are cordially invited to attend. Please join us for a wonderful luncheon, and hear and share ideas for the 2020-2021 church year and beyond...

### Important Church Dates to Note

**Annual Church Meeting, Monday, May 20, 7:30PM in the Social Hall.** All church members and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend though only church members may vote.

**Church Budget Review, Sunday, May 3, 12noon in the Social Hall.** The Board of Management will present the 2020-2021 annual budget to discussion and review on Sunday, May 3. By the end of April when the Stewardship Drive wraps up, the board will know if there is a deficit to address and will invite the congregation's input on financial solutions.

### Church Mice Night! Thursdays, March 5 & April 9, 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, March 5 & April 2 are the next opportunity for people to clean the rooms in the church together. Typically, the Church Mice Night is the first or second Thursday of the month, 7pm-8:30pm. Please join us!



**Save the Date and your fleas & jewelry**  
to donate to this year's annual Flea Market &  
Jewelry Sale on Saturday, April 4th

- see details on page 9

### Flea Market & Jewelry PreSale for Church Members & Friends!

You are cordially invited to a special church members and friends pre-sale to our annual flea market on Friday evening, April 3 from 6:30-8pm

Get the first chance at the best of our unique and wonderful selection of "fleas" and jewelry while mingling with other church members and friends. Your friends and family members are welcome too!

Light refreshments will be served.

### Tax letters



To request a 2019 tax donation letter for your money contributions to the church, please contact Vicky Doran, church collector. Please email your request to Vicky at [vickydoranz@gmail.com](mailto:vickydoranz@gmail.com)

### See something that needs to be repaired in or around the church building?

Please talk to a Property Committee member, Matthew Lowry or Joe Cresta, or email [admin@wakefielduu.org](mailto:admin@wakefielduu.org)



# Musical Notes & Events

## Rise Up Singing - 3/20 & 4/17

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 March session is Friday, March 20th and the April session is Friday, April 17th. Free Will Offering (\$5 suggested donation). Please consider bringing a non-perishable item for the Food Pantry.



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



### March 7: Matthew Byrne

Storytelling through song is a fundamental duty of traditional music and Matthew Byrne does this brilliantly. His repertoire has been shaped by his musical upbringing. Hailing from Newfoundland-Labrador, Matthew has been described as possibly the finest interpreter of traditional songs with powerful vocals, polished guitar work, and a presence that fills the room.



### April 4: John Davidson

You may remember John Davidson from his guest hosting duties on *The Tonight Show*, or hosting *Hollywood Squares* or *\$100,000 Pyramid*, or movies such as *The Happiest Millionaire* or *Edward Scissorhands*, or *Broadway in Oklahoma*, *Wicked* or *Finding Neverland*. But now in his 70s and not slowing down, John returns to his favorite role: troubadour.

**Shows at 8 pm, \$20 (under 18 \$10)  
For further information and updates:**

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# Social Action Corner



Supporting the **Wakefield Food Pantry** has been an ongoing tradition of our church congregation for many years. Each year, during the month of April, we bring donations of non-perishable food and other needed items to the pantry. Donations can be dropped off on Sundays during the month of April or anytime in the collection box in in the main hall. Many of you support the food pantry year round and these are always greatly appreciated!

By holding a food drive, we single out one month where we can give this effort extra attention. The list below indicates most needed items are indicated below. As always, monetary support is also welcome.

#### Most needed Items:

- Cereal (boxed)
- Coffee
- Jelly
- Mayonnaise
- Pasta Meals (canned with flip top)
- Spaghetti sauce (jarred)
- Tuna/chicken (canned white)
- Vegetable Oil

#### Always welcome:

- Shelf-stable products
- Shelf-stable dairy and juice that have a usable shelf life per the manufacturer

Special message from the Food Pantry:  
*Thank you to all who donated to the Wakefield Food Pantry's Neighbors Helping Neighbors holiday campaign and made it possible to provide 75,000 meals during the 2019 season and into the NewYear!*

## My Brother's Table

As many of you know, our congregation has served at My Brother's Table, a soup kitchen in Lynn on the 4th Saturday of the every other month for many years. A Wakefield UU team led by Kristen Henshaw has been volunteering usually every 4th Saturday of the month. This team is joined with other area volunteers to assist with the preparing and serving of the meal for an average of 200 guests.

Our next service dates at My Brother's Table are Saturday, January 25 and Saturday, February 22. Anyone planning to volunteer and would like to carpool to Lynn, please meet in front of the Wakefield UU Church by 12noon. Food preparation is from 12:30pm to 2:30pm followed by serving the meal. Clean up is over by 4:30pm at the latest.

Volunteers may help with just the food preparation or stay to serve the meal as well. Families with children are welcome to help. New volunteers are always welcome!

For more information, contact Laura Broding at [brodingl@gmail.com](mailto:brodingl@gmail.com), or 617-312-6718 or Kristen Henshaw at [motherkrez@hotmail.com](mailto:motherkrez@hotmail.com), or 781-246-2387



# Social Action Corner, continued

## Guest At Your Table

The Social Action Committee kicked off this year's Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) Guest At Your Table: Women, Leaders and Strong Communities during the November Chapel Service titled: Exploring the Second Principle, Justice, Equity and Compassion in Human Relations.

The committee is pleased to announce the collection of \$210. from members and friends. Several members and friends prefer to donate online which all goes to the same great cause, but that total amount is not known to us. Thank-you to all who supported this terrific organization!

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



## Mission Of Deeds Winter Coat Drive

Again this year, we gathered winter outer wear for Mission of Deeds in Reading. We are so please to have collected 22 donated winter coats with another 10 or so expected to receive this weekend as well as several pairs of new socks and gently used warm gloves, mittens hats for men, women, and children. Thanks again to all who have donated.



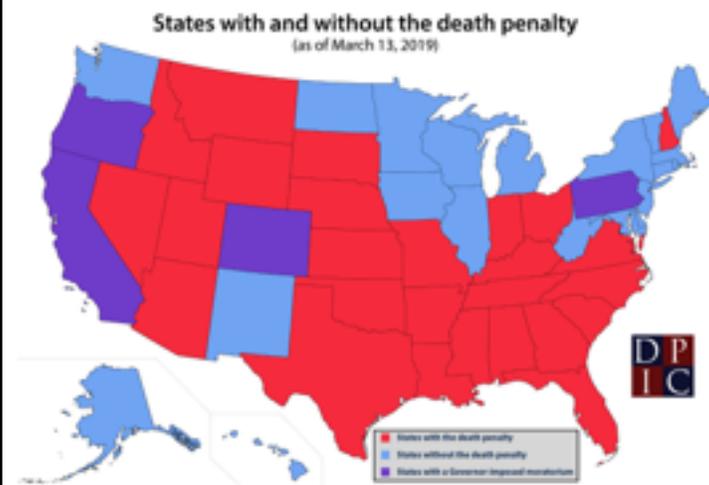
**The Social Action Committee (SAC)** meets on the third Tuesday of every month in the Gathering Room at 7-8:30 pm. The next two meetings are March 17 and April 21. The SAC meets monthly to discuss and plan our many activities. The SAC is open to all, and we would love for you to join us! If you are interested in knowing more about this committee, please contact Laura Broding at [brodingl@gmail.com](mailto:brodingl@gmail.com), or speak with any of us: Laura Broding, Vicky Doran, Janine Fabiano, Sheila Moran, Eric Reid, Mary Adele Taylor, & 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

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 the Reading Common, Reading on Good Friday, April 10, 4 pm to 6pm.



## Fleas, Jewelry and Volunteers Wanted!

**This year's Flea Market & Jewelry Sale: Saturday, April 4, 9am – 1pm**

**\* Special Members & Friends Pre-Sale: Friday, April 3, 6:30-8pm \***

**Wanted: Fleas & Jewelry!!! Drop off is Sunday, March 29 thru Thursday evening, April 2. All fleas & jewelry may be left in the Social Hall.**

**Please no clothes, linens, TVs, computer monitors or text books.**

**Wanted: Strong people: to help with Table Setup on Monday, March 30, 7pm and breakdown & pack up on Saturday, April 4, 1-2pm.**

**Wanted: Helpers!!! Many volunteers are needed too. Prepping, sorting, and pricing will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, evening 6:30-8:30pm, Wednesday morning, 10am-12noon, and selling & cleaning up on Saturday from 8:30am – 2:00pm. Please check your schedule for when you can help and sign up with Janine Fabiano at [j9fabiano@yahoo.com](mailto:j9fabiano@yahoo.com); 781-245-0631**

Task	Date	Hours	# of Volunteer Needed
Flea Drop Off begins	Sun, 3/29	12pm	
Table Setup, Setup & Flea Drop Off	Mon, 3/30	6:30-8:30pm	4
Flea Drop Off, Sorting & Pricing	Tues, 3/31	6:30-8:30pm	4
Flea Drop Off, Sorting, Pricing	Wed, 4/1	10am-12pm	4
Flea Drop Off, Sorting, Pricing	Wed, 4/1	6:30-8:30pm	4
Flea Drop Off, Sorting, Pricing	Thur, 4/2	6:30-8:30pm	4
Pre-Sale for Members & Friends	Fri, 4/3	6:30-8pm	3
Sell Fleas, Wrap & Carry out large flea	Sat, 4/4	8:30am-1pm	12
Cleanup: breakdown table, discard/ pack up/ remove leftover fleas	Sat, 4/4	1pm-2pm	10



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**The Board of Management** will meet Tuesday, March 10 and April 14 at 7pm in the Gathering Room. All members and friends always are invited to attend any board meetings.

**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 or area of interest.**

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.

## March Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Service 10:30	2 Conversation About Whiteness	3	4	5 Church Mice 7pm	6	7 LTCH 8pm
8 Chapel Service 10:30	9 Conversation About Whiteness	10 Board 7pm	11	12	13	14
15 Service 10:30 Stewardship Luncheon	16 Conversation About Whiteness	17 Social Action Comm. 7pm	18	19	20 Rise Up Singing 7:30pm	21
22 Service 10:30 UU Common Read 12noon Meditation 4pm	23 Conversation About Whiteness	24	25	26	27	28 MBT depart @ 12noon
29 Chapel Service 10:30	30 Flea Market Table Set up & Prep 6:30-8:30p	31 Flea Market Prep 6:30-8:30p				

## April Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Flea Market Prep 10am-12pm 6:30-8:30pm	2 Flea Market Prep 6:30-8:30pm	3 Flea Market Members & Friends Sale 6:30-8pm	4 Flea Market 9-1 LTCH 8pm
5 Service 10:30	6	7	8	9 Church Mice 7pm	10	11
12 Service 10:30	13	14 Board 7pm	15 2020-2021 Budgeting Meeting 7p	16	17 Rise Up Singing 7:30pm	18 Mike Skeldon's Celebration of Life, 10am
19 Service 10:30	20 Gleam deadline	21 Social Action Comm. 7pm	22	23	24	25 MBT depart @ 12noon
26 Chapel Service 10:30 Book Group 12noon Meditation 4pm	27	28	29	30	1	2 LTCH 8pm

## 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:

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

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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](mailto:news@wakefielduu.org)

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