

The Union Church in Waban

Weekly Updates

January 9, 2015

Mediation is starting up again at UCW.

On Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m., we will be offering a time of meditation. Come quiet your mind and open your heart before our worship together at

10:00 a.m. Stay tuned for information about the location of the meditation group and start date.



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This Sunday

Bible Study, 8:00 a.m. in Stacy's Study.

We are starting the Gospel of Mark so this would be a perfect time for you to join us!

Choir Rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m. This Sunday we will have the privilege of hearing Laura Cooke, cellist and the daughter of Lisa and James, play part of a Bach cello suite. The Gospel passage comes from the book of Mark and takes us down to the river to pray and witness the baptism of Jesus. Our professionally-staffed nursery in the Rainbow Room is available for infants and toddlers.

Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:30 a.m.

Christian Education

News from Council

Council meets on the First Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The agenda item for our December meeting was an assessment of communication at UCW. What is working well and what could be done better and more efficiently. A copy of the December minutes are available [here](#). The agenda item for the January meeting which was this passed Wednesday, January 7th was planning coverage during Pastor Stacy's upcoming sabbatical which is scheduled for mid August through mid November 2015. If you have any questions or concerns, our moderators [Annie Gatewood](#) and [Alicia Collins](#) would be happy to hear from you, as would Pastor [Stacy](#).

News from the Pews

Sunday school classes continue on January 11th. Children will begin in worship and leave after the Children's Time. Nursery care for infants to 3 year olds which will be in the Rainbow Room with Lisa Woloski-Barry. Sunday school teachers are needed for the month of January. Please see Karen or CE Committee Members if you are able to help in Sunday school.

January 11th: "Baptism of Our Lord"

January 18th: Epiphany 2 "God calls me, too"

January 25th: Epiphany 3 "Jonah and the Big Fish"

Youth 6th & up Sunday school Schedule:

January 11th: Justice and Hunger "Learning Compassion"

January 18th: Justice and Hunger "The Difference I Can Make"

January 25th: Justice and Hunger "Consumerism"

Upcoming Events:

Monday, January 19: Confirmands at Brandeis University for a Day of Interfaith Service, 9:15 am. This event is also open to the congregation. Space is limited so please **RSVP** at karen@ucw.org or see Karen C. Salides.

Director of Youth and Children's Ministries:

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UPCOMING



Prayer Group

Wednesday Mornings

at 7:30 a.m.

Prayer Group continues to meet every Wednesday morning in Memorial Chapel.

Coffee with Stacy

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Starbucks in Waban.





Earlier this fall, the Council (our governing body) at the Union Church in Waban granted a request for **Rev. Christy Lang Hearlson** to conduct qualitative case-study research for her PhD studies with this congregation. You may hear from Christy over the next several months as she seeks to interview people or observe events at our church. For more information about Christy's research please click [here](#).

This is a drop in time to share a cup of coffee and conversation. Please also feel welcome to set up a time with Stacy by emailing her [here](#).

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

City-Wide MLK Service

Monday, January 19th at Temple Emanuel, 385 Ward Street in Newton Center. The service starts at 9:30. For more information go [here](#).

Day of Interfaith Service for Confirmands

at Brandeis University on Monday, January 19th. Meet at UCW at 9:15. Please rsvp to Karen at karen@ucw.org who has permission forms.

FROM THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Boston Jewish Music Festival Concert at Temple Shalom

**Diwan Saz: Harmony in the Holy Land
An Evening Reflecting Israel's Musical Mosaic
March 8, 7-9 p.m.**

A rabbi, an Arab Christian woman, and a 14-year-old Bedouin boy walk into a room. . .

No, it's not the opening line of a joke. It's what happens when the Israeli multicultural ensemble, Diwan Saz, performs a concert.

Featuring Rabbi David Menachem, a rising star in the revival of piyyutim (Jewish liturgical poems) in Israel; Lubna Saleme, a featured vocalist with Nazareth Orchestra; and Mohammed Gaddir, a 14-year-old Bedouin singer, Diwan Saz performs traditional Middle Eastern music from many traditions.

Using traditional acoustic instruments such as the saz and baglama, seven musicians perform ancient music from Central Asia, Turkey, Persia, and the Holy Land -

Second and Fourth Thursday Bible Study



Second and Fourth Thursday Bible Study meets at 11:30. All are welcome! There is no need for any prior Biblical study or even any slight idea about what Scripture is all about. Come bring your curiosity and let's explore together.

CALENDAR

Note: The UCW website calendar will be updated regularly to reflect church meeting and activities over the summer months.



Click [here](#) for the UCW calendar.

promoting peace and understanding through their music. Their "Harmony in the Holy Land" concerts incorporate melodies and texts of the diverse musical heritages found in Israel.

On Sunday, March 8 from 7-9 p.m., the Boston Jewish Music Festival and Temple Shalom Music Committee will present the United States premiere of this esteemed ensemble. This event is made possible with the generous support of Temple Shalom and The Israeli Consulate of New England.

Tickets are now on sale at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1090262. Advance tickets online are \$15 for students and \$20 for general admission. Tickets at the door are \$25.

BOSTON WARM: A CALL TO ACTION

In this cold and holy season we ache for the homeless people of Boston who are suffering as a result of the abrupt closure of the Long Island Bridge. Working with service providers and city officials, we have identified a critical, unmet short-term need: day shelter. The Day Center will provide warm and comfortable space as an alternative to the streets. We are working quickly to identify a space and staff. Follow our progress at

<http://bostonwarm.weebly.com> or
<http://www.facebook.com/bostonwarm>

Find out more [here](#).

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