



## How We Build Our Hut

- Robin Caracciolo, Director of Religious Education, [robin.caracciolo@gmail.com](mailto:robin.caracciolo@gmail.com)

On Sunday, February 5th at 11:00 we are preparing a very special intergenerational service. This service will be an interactive experience for all ages and I hope you will make a point to attend. The story that we will tell during the service is “How Hare Built Her Hut”. We hope you will recognize the themes that will spring forth from the fun story and appreciate how wonderful our own “village” here at UUCW is and can continue to be.

As Aaron, the Religious Education Committee, and I met to begin planning this service, discussions about what we as a church community have to offer our “village” ensued. It is amazing, the talent, that walks through our building every week. What is even more amazing is the willingness of those talented people to share.

I think about the children first, of course, and how much personality and joy they bring just by entering a room. I sat with a four year old yesterday as he described to me in detail how to make his favorite recipe from a cookbook he had at home: chocolate soda! I now know you need a quarter cup of chocolate syrup, a half cup of carbonated water, vanilla ice cream, and to stir it very well. Oh yes, and you must have a straw! He was pretty passionate about his cookbook, just like so many others in this church are about their hobbies and vocations.

In our village, we’ve built a hut. Sometimes it’s a challenge to keep it warm, looking pretty, or to keep the water out. But the one thing I know is that so many of us are passionate about this hut of ours and all hands together can bring it to where it needs to be. We have the talent: the educators, business owners, trades people, artists, administrators, organizers, technical gurus, clergy, cheerleaders, musicians, actors and caregivers. We are so very fortunate.

So stop by the 11:00 service on February 5th, bring your passion, your open heart, your sense of humor, and a offering of food for the food pantry...and help us celebrate our community of talent. This is how we build our hut.

### Unless noted otherwise

Preservice Quiet & Prelude:	8:50 & 10:50 am
Worship Service:	9 & 11 am
RE Classes :	11 am
Fellowship:	10 am & Noon

### January 22, 2012

*Faith and Uncertainty*  
Rev. Aaron Payson

### January 29, 2012

*Questions for the Minister*  
Rev Aaron Payson

### February 5, 2012

Rev. Aaron Payson

### February 12, 2012

*Love & Longing*  
Rev. Aaron Payson  
50/50 Offering for Mass ReLeaf

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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Dear Families,

We look forward to seeing you at church this Sunday. Please save this date: February 5th 11:00. This will be a fun inter-generational service that you won't want to miss. Children will participate in many ways including a food drive ,so plan ahead!.

For Sunday January 22nd

9:00am Nursery only

11:00 am All classes start in the sanctuary !

4-7pm OWL

5:30-7pm- Parents of Teens

7-9pm Youth Group- NYC cookie making and poker.

Please note: THE DANCE PLANNED FOR JAN 21 will be postponed.

CONFERENCE!!! All high school teens, register for the Feb 10-11 Central Mass Conference...held here!! PLEASE DO SO ASAP.

Here is the link:

<http://lifefspanfaithdevelopment.blogspot.com/2012/01/central-massachusetts-high-school-youth.html> If there are scholarship needs, contact Robin.



Date of Con: Friday Feb 10 5:30- Sat Feb 11 2:30pm  
(Snow Date: Feb 24)

Theme: I Got UU Babe

Details of Con:

- Get to know UU youth from other churches in a comfortable environment.
- Meet throughout with your "touch groups" to touch base about your experience.
- Youth-led workshops including: Drama, Art, Martial Arts, and more.
- Opportunities to engage in Social Action together based on "Standing on the Side of Love."

Open to: High School grades 9-12 Central Mass max 50 people

Registration: Ends Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

Fee: \$25 (includes 3 meals and a t-shirt)

Scholarships available - just ask

To Register and for more detailed information:

Go to <http://lifefspanfaithdevelopment.blogspot.com/2012/01/central-massachusetts-high-school-youth.html>

(Please note: you must have your parents to give their electronic signature and must know which adults will be attending from your church. There is also a link for adult registration. Contact Robin Caracciolo [robin.caracciolo@gmail.com](mailto:robin.caracciolo@gmail.com) for more information.)

**Bring a Friend to Church Day,  
This Sunday, January 22nd**

- Barry Brigham, [barry.brigham@verizon.net](mailto:barry.brigham@verizon.net)

“Bring a Friend to Church Sunday”, coming up on January 22nd, 2012, is meant to engage members and friends of our church to reflect upon the joy, passion and sense of belonging we feel at UUCW, to share those feelings with friends and relatives, and to invite those friends and relatives to Bring a Friend Sunday. We’re aware that stepping out of your comfort zone and inviting friends to be a part of your life is sometimes difficult. So, we’ve generated our Top Twelve Reasons Why You Should Invite Your Friends to Church:

Reason # 12: Because you care about them

Reason # 11: Because you believe in affirming the worth and dignity of all people, and you want to share that belief with others

Reason #10: Because you want to show your friends that they have a voice for their beliefs in loving and caring community

Reason #9: Because you honor and respect the spiritual and intellectual history of our UUA tradition, and want to share that quest with some of your friends

Reason #8: Because you value their spiritual journey, and want them to know that our church celebrates everyone’s spiritual and life journeys

Reason #7: Because you believe in the social justice causes our church embraces

Reason #6: Because you believe in the spirit that is within your friends, and you wish to show them a part of your spirit, as well

Reason #5: Because you want to share some of your church friendships with them

Reason #4: Because you want them to be part of a loving, caring community

Reason #3: Because you believe the children in their life might benefit from the caring and diverse experience our religious education program offers

Reason #2: Because you believe they might have something to offer our church community that might help them grow in their own life

Reason #1: Because \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in your own reason why you love our church).

Whatever the reason that resonates with you, Member Services asks that you muster up your courage, come from your heart, and take the leap of faith that your friends, relatives and business colleagues will understand your level of caring for them when you invite them to join you here at our church. While the answer may not always be in the affirmative, we applaud, embrace and celebrate your efforts in overcoming your fear, and in moving to share your passion about our faith community. You may get a call this week from Member Services inquiring of your efforts to invite your friends to our church. Please be gentle with us, as we, too, are coming from our hearts in supporting the church.

As always, the Member Services Committee is eager to hear your feedback as to how we’re doing in meeting and exceeding our service to you, the members and friends of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester. If you’d like to speak with a Member Services representative, you may contact Barry Brigham at 508-847-0340, or [barry.brigham@verizon.net](mailto:barry.brigham@verizon.net), Kim Napoleone 508-853-6132, Sue Hegedus 508-752-8138, or Tom Pierce, [rtzephir@charter.net](mailto:rtzephir@charter.net). Thank you!

### Social Potluck And Movie Night!

- Amy Mason [amason1980@yahoo.com](mailto:amason1980@yahoo.com)

I'm excited to announce that a potluck and movie night will be held on Saturday, February 11, at 6:00 pm in the lounge at UUCW! This will be the first in a series of potluck movie nights to continue into the spring. Some nights will be "social" nights -- like this first one -- in which we will view a fun movie and have dinner. Other nights will be advertised as "Movie and Discussion" nights, which will be more documentary-based films, with discussion to follow. The movies will have lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, or intersex themes. Everyone is invited! Bring your friends --the more, the merrier! The film showing on the 11th will be announced in the near future. Once you know you would like to attend, please contact me at [amason1980@yahoo.com](mailto:amason1980@yahoo.com) and let me know what you plan to bring.

### Memorial Service for Carlton Davenport

- Susan Crossley [scmidwife@aol.com](mailto:scmidwife@aol.com)

We all feel a great loss with the passing of Carleton Davenport. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 4th at 1pm. Everyone is invited to attend and honor Carleton who has been a long time member along with his wife June. Those church members whose names start with A thru L please bring a sweet finger food and those whose names start with M thru Z please bring a savory food. You can bring your food to the fellowship hall prior to the service. Thank you.

### UU Humanists Study Group

- Linda Miller [canoter@juno.com](mailto:canoter@juno.com)

The next meeting of the UU Humanists will be on Sunday, February 5th at 7:00 in the Church Lounge. Our own Sandy Paracer will be the speaker. There will be time for discussion. All are welcome

#### *Superorganism: Triumph of Cooperation*

Cooperation has been central to humanity's spectacular success. How did cooperation evolved? How can we explain the altruistic behavior that reduces one's own welfare? In last 50 years, Charles Darwin' theory of evolution by natural selection based on competition and survival of fittest gone through new conceptual advances. Kinship helps drive cooperation. The idea of 'reciprocal altruism' among genetically unrelated strangers has drawn our attention to the prospect of cheating and free loaders, the role of altruistic punishment and 'reputation' have provided new insights from diverse social organisms. How about humans? Are we any different from other social animals? In this lecture, Surinder Paracer will discuss the origin and the changing landscape on the concept of Superorganism and explore the evolution and maintenance of cooperation among individuals.

### Got Books?

- Denise Darrigrand [ddarrigrand@clarku.edu](mailto:ddarrigrand@clarku.edu)

Our newest fund raiser is Got Books. You will see across from the church a bin; you can place any books in there and they will either be sold or recycled. We are entering into this venture with Jewish Family Services and will split the proceeds with them. JFS is a 90 year old local non-profit agency whose motto is "Connecting People in Need with Compassionate Care". They achieve this through high quality services including extensive counseling services, an elder guardianship program and adoption services. If you want more information on JFS and their services please see Wendy O'Leary.

In addition, if anyone is doing a program and needs books as part of that, Got Books will donate some to that event. If you're interested in that, please let me know. So, please start collecting your unneeded books and put them into the bin. Any questions or concerns, please be in touch.

### UUCW Men's Group

- Bill Derr [williamderr@hotmail.com](mailto:williamderr@hotmail.com)

Do you have an interest in gathering with other men to explore what it means to be male in our society? Would you like to join our efforts in community service and outreach? Could you be a worthy mentor to the boys and young men in our congregation?

Several men in the congregation have initiated a group with these ends in mind. Please join us to develop our mission and broaden our fellowship in ways that enhance our UUCW experience.

Examples of possible activities:

- Monthly lecture series
- Annual camping weekend with boys and young men in the congregation
- Annual work day in the community

Next Meeting - On Friday 2/3/12 at 7 pm Aaron will lead us in a conversation that will allow us to discuss men's issues and get to know each other better. We will order pizza and salad and split the cost. B.Y.O.B. Please, let me know if you have any dietary restrictions so we can accommodate them.

Please contact Bill at [williamderr@hotmail.com](mailto:williamderr@hotmail.com) or 508 320 7862 to R.S.V.P to this meeting.

## OFFICE NEWS

### Codes for the copier

- Jennifer Landry [office@uucworchester.org](mailto:office@uucworchester.org)

In order to facilitate tracking of resources, the copier in the church office is now password protected. This means that in order to make copies or to print from a laptop, a code must be given to the copier. The codes for each committee of the church are now posted above the copier. Please use the appropriate code for the committee you are working for. If you regularly use a laptop in the church for committee work and print to the copier, please contact the office to arrange a time to bring your laptop in so Jen can set up the code in your laptop, or send you the directions to do so.

## COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS & CLASSIFIEDS

*Community Group announcements and classified ads are provided for members of UUCW on a space-available basis, and are limited to text ads for services or other matters of interest to the membership. Classifieds are run for a maximum of four weeks. To renew an ad please email the office.*

### Worcester Community Drum Circle and SoundScapers present a Healing Circle

- Joe Hayes [joeyghayes@comcast.net](mailto:joeyghayes@comcast.net)

Sound Healing Session at the  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester  
90 Holden Street, Worcester, Massachusetts  
Friday Evening, January 27, 9-10:30pm (Following WDC session at 6 pm)  
Presented by SoundScapers and the Worcester Community Drum Circle  
\$20 donation partially benefits UUCW!

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### Deadlines & Reminders

The Message: Monday, 9 am

Order of Service/Weekly Reminder: Wednesday, 9 am

Scheduling space & rentals: As soon as possible.

Cancellations & Closings: Please dial (508) 853-1942 and select 8 from the menu.

See the last page of The UUCW Message for full information on our weather

## The Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 am - 2 pm

### Church Staff

*Minister:* The Reverend Aaron Payson

*Minister Emeritus:* The Reverend David Miller

*Affiliated Community Minister:* The Reverend Cheryl Leshay

*Music Director:* Matt Johnsen

*Director of Religious Education:* Robin Caracciolo

*Office Administrator:* Jennifer Landry

*Sexton:* Steve McNally

### Board of Management

*President:* Mary Fitton *Vice President:* Margos Stone

*Treasurer:* Andrew Hegedus *Clerk:* Mike Peckar

*Members at Large:* Cathy McDonagh, Leslie Linson, Richard Johnson, Van Bluemel, Greg Gustafson, Peter Ringo, Larry Raymond, Judy Savage

# Event Schedule ~ January 18 - February 15

	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>	<i>ROOMS</i>
<b>Sunday, January 22</b>	12:30 - 4 pm 5:30 - 7 pm	Henna Party Parents of Teens	Lounge Lounge
<b>Wednesday, January 25</b>	12 - 2:30 pm	DRE Cluster	Lounge
<b>Friday, January 27</b>	7:30 - 10 pm	Event setup	Sanctuary
<b>Saturday, January 28</b>	9 am - 11 pm	Private Rental	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, January 29</b>	5:30 - 7 pm	Parents of Teens	Meeting Room 3
<b>Monday, January 30</b>	5:30 - 7 pm	Food Pantry Meeting	Fellowship Hall
<b>Thursday, February 2</b>	7 - 9 pm	Committee On Ministry	Meeting Room 1
<b>Friday, February 3</b>	7 - 11 pm	UUCW Men's Group	Fellowship Hall
<b>Saturday, February 4</b>	1 - 5 pm 6 - 10 pm	C Davenport Memorial Private Rental	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, February 5</b>	9 - 10:15 am 5:30 - 7 pm	Religious Ed Committee Parents of Teens	DRE Office Meeting Room 3
<b>Tuesday, February 7</b>	6 - 8 pm	Member Services Committee	Meeting Room 2
<b>Friday, February 10</b>	5 pm - 02/11/12	Youth Summit	All Church Rooms
<b>Saturday, February 11</b>	02/10/12 - 2 pm 6 - 9 pm	Youth Summit LGBTQI&A Movie & Potluck	All Church Rooms Lounge
<b>Sunday, February 12</b>	12:30 - 2:30 pm 1 - 4 pm 5:30 - 7 pm	Primary Age Families Group New UU Workshop Parents of Teens	Meeting Room 2 Lounge Meeting Room 3
<b>Monday, February 13</b>	6 - 8 pm	Board of Management Meeting	Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday, February 14</b>	noon - 2 pm	Parish Service Committee	Meeting Room 2

Unless otherside noted, Sunday Services are at 9 & 11 am

Please see Page 1 For complete Sunday Morning Worship, Religious Education, and Fellowship Schedule

## Regularly Scheduled Events

### Hooks & Needles Group

Sun 10-10:45 am, Lounge

### Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

Third Sat/month 10 am - noon,  
Fellowship Hall

### Lunch With the Minister

1st Wed/month Noon-2 pm, Lounge

### UUCW Staff Meeting

Mon 9:30 - 11 am, DRE Office

### UU Humanists Study Group

1st Sun/month 7-9 pm, Lounge

### Youth Group

Sunday 7-9 pm, Fellowship Hall

## Regularly Scheduled Community Groups

### AI-Anon Adult Children

Thurs., 7:30 pm, Lounge

### Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

Fri., 8 pm, Fellowship Hall

### Brownie Troop #877

Mon., 6 pm, Meeting Room 3

### Debtors Anonymous (DA)

Tues., 7 pm, Lounge

### Hatha Yoga Class w/ Cat Cardoso

Wed., 6 pm, Lounge

### Greater Worcester Humanists

2nd Tues/month 6:30-9 pm  
Fellowship Hall

### GWH Steering Committee

1st Mon/month 7 - 9 pm Fellowship Hall

### Kundalini Yoga Class w/ Steve Power

Mon, 6:30 - 8 pm, Lounge

### Overeaters Anonymous (OA)

Sat., 7:30 am, Lounge  
1st Sat/month, 8:45-10:15 am,  
Meeting Room 2

### Worc. Animal Rescue League Board

Third Wed/month, 7:30 - 9:30 am,  
Fellowship Hall

### Worc. Community Drum Circle

Fourth Fri/month, 6 - 10 pm,  
Fellowship Hall

## UUCW Cancellation Policy... in case of bad weather

In case of severe weather on Sunday morning, please remember the following:

There are 3 possible levels of closing:

- ◆ NO SUNDAY SCHOOL but REGULAR WORSHIP
- ◆ NO SUNDAY SCHOOL and INFORMAL WORSHIP (Minister will be on site to meet with those who attend - no music)
- ◆ ALL PROGRAMS CANCELLED (including evening programs)

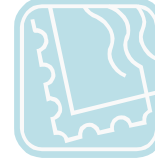
In the event of severe weather, the decision to cancel will be made by 7 AM and will:

- ◆ be placed on the church answering machine which can be accessed by dialing (508) 853-1942 and selecting 8 from the menu
- ◆ be sent out to the RE family email list
- ◆ be placed on TV channel 5
- ◆ be placed online at <http://www.thebostonchannel.com>.
- ◆ People may sign up at <http://www.thebostonchannel.com/closingssignup/index.html> to have closing information delivered to them by either email or a cell phone text message.
- ◆ Office closings due to bad weather through the week will also be put on the answering machine at menu item 8. Jen will, barring internet/power outages, be able to check e-mail and messages.



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#### ADDRESS UPDATE

- ( ) Please change my address as shown:
- ( ) I am receiving duplicate mailings.  
Please delete listing on the right.
- ( ) Please remove my name from your mailing list.

Be sure to enclose the mailing label to the right.  
This way we can keep our database up-to-date.