

Welcome to the
Unitarian Universalist Society
of Wellesley Hills



January 12th, 2020
New Practices for a New Year

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Greeter: Vic Polk

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CANDLES OF JOYS & SORROWS

You are invited to light a candle for any joy or sorrow.

PRELUDE

The Bells
W. Byrd

WORDS OF WELCOME

*HYMN #1028 "The Fire of Commitment"

COMMUNITY GREETING

CHORAL INTROIT

Vieni Spirito Creatore
J. Berthier

"Come, Creator Spirit"

CALL TO WORSHIP

UNISON CHALICE LIGHTING

We light this chalice to illuminate our faithful way forward
as an inspirational community of hope.

Together, we seek spiritual growth.

We strive for just and responsible action.

We dedicate ourselves to leading lives of compassion
and purpose. Knowing how we have been blessed,
we choose to bless the world.

*HYMN #193 "Our Faith Is but a Single Gem"

TIME FOR ALL AGES

PARTING SONG #414 "As We Leave This Friendly Place"

*As we leave this friendly place,
Love give light to ev'ry face;
May the kindness which we learn
Light our hearts 'till we return*

RESPONSIVE READING #670 "The Way"

WORDS OF OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Call
A. Brent-Smith

***RECEIVING THE OFFERING** #380 "Old Hundredth"

*Rejoice in what we know and share,
in love and beauty everywhere,
Rejoice in truth that makes us free,
and in the good that yet shall be.*

COMMUNAL PRAYER

SILENT REFLECTION

KINDLED CONCERNS

SUNG MEDITATION #1009 "Meditation on Breathing"

*When I breathe in, I'll breathe in peace.
When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love. (3x)*

SELECTED TEXT Excerpt from Faithful Practices

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Come Sunday
D. Ellington

SERMON

"Practicing Faithfully"

*HYMN #288

"All Are Architects"

***EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE**

**Extinguishing this flame which has burned bright
in our midst, we revere what has been kindled
within each one of us — warmth in community,
the light of truth, a perpetual spark of hope.**

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Be Ours a Religion
T. Benjamin

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

Please enjoy the music as you depart our Sanctuary.

Plate Collection

This week's plate collection will support the capital campaign of Wellesley's A Better Chance program. For 46 years, Wellesley ABC has been providing educational opportunities to young women of color from academically underserved communities. Members of our congregation have played an active role in the local affiliate of this national organization, including bringing it to Wellesley. Over the years, Wellesley ABC has enabled nearly 100 young women of color to graduate with an outstanding secondary education from Wellesley High School and go on to pursue their academic and professional interests. The goal of their capital campaign, "A Home of Our Own," is to fund the purchase of a permanent "ABC House"--they are 75% of the way there! Please help us continue to support Wellesley ABC's racial justice-affirming mission by contributing generously. Checks should be made out to "UUSWH," with "ABC House" written on the memo line. As always, please remember to clearly mark your pledge payments.

Our Family Ministries

Have you heard about our Faith Keepers program for children? Ask Acting Director of Educational and Family Ministries Michael Packard how to get involved. Michael can also be found in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Today Following Worship

UU Wellesley Hills 150th Anniversary Meeting *today* at 11:30 am in Parish Hall - In the new year, be a part of our exciting planning process for celebrating the 150th Anniversary of UU Wellesley Hills during the coming church program year. Our 150th Committee will lead this discussion during Fellowship Hour — and free lunch will be provided to all.

Announcements

Nominate a Worthy Recipient for Our Plate Collection! This year, Social Action Council is organizing UUSWH plate collections around a certain social justice concern each month. In January, all our plate collections will go to organizations involved in racial justice, including: World of Wellesley, A Better Chance's "A Home of Our Own" capital campaign, and Partakers' College Behind Bars program. The fourth week's collection will go to a recipient chosen by the congregation! To nominate a recipient for our **fourth January collection**, send an email to info@uuwellesleyhills.org with the name and a 100-word description of the organization, which should be involved with racial justice in some way. Descriptions can include active hyperlinks and must be received by Sun. Jan. 12th. Please contact Social Action Lead Tracy McGrath with any questions about this process.

Rev. Kelly Community Chats - In January 2020, Rev. Kelly will hold her Community Chats at Quebrada Baking Co. from 2:00-4:00 p.m on Mon. Jan. 13th and Mon. Jan 27th. Stop by then for tasty treats and warm chats. If you would like to meet with Rev. Kelly to discuss a private matter, she is available by appointment Sunday through Wednesday; email her to arrange a time.

It's Time for the annual World of Wellesley MLK Breakfast - Thanks to our plate collection last Sunday, UU Wellesley Hills secured 14 spots at the upcoming MLK Breakfast, scheduled for Mon. Jan. 20th at Wellesley College's Alumnae Hall from 8:00-10:00 am, and there are still some spaces available! Please contact Elaine Mittell as soon as possible if you would like to come. This year, the theme is "A Dream Deferred," featuring an inter-racial and inter-ethnic panel of social justice advocates who will provide insights on Dr. Martin Luther King's dream and the fight for the civil rights of Blacks, Indigenous People, and Latinx.

Bristol Lodge Food Pantry Collection - On the 3rd Monday of the month, our Bristol Lodge Task Force delivers a monthly meal and any items collected in the Food Pantry bin out in our Vestibule. Please drop off any non-perishable foodstuffs in the bin *this* Sunday for January delivery!

Social Action Council Book Read on Sun. Jan. 26th at 12:30 p.m. -The UU Wellesley Hills Social Action Council will host a group discussion on the book Shakespeare Saved My Life, by Laura Bates. The book details the author's experience as a volunteer teaching Shakespeare in a supermax prison. UU Wellesley has sponsored a prisoner through a local College Behind Bars program and we have maintained a relationship with him for 17 years! Please join us to discuss the book and our local program. Tracy McGrath and Elaine Mittell will lead the discussion.



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