FACING RACE UPDATE
White Nonsense Round-up
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White Nonsense Roundup (WNR) was created by white people, for white people to address our inherently racist society. We believe it is our responsibility to call out white friends, relatives, contacts, speakers, and authors who are contributing to structural racism and harming our friends of color. We are a resource for anti-racist images, links, videos, artwork, essays, and voices. These can be used by anyone for a DIY white nonsense round-up, or by the WNR team to support people of color upon their request. How to disrupt White Nonsense on the WNR FB page:

How to tag White Nonsense Roundup in a post or comment:
• Start typing @White Nonsense Roundup into a comment in the post or thread that needs rounding up.
• When the White Nonsense Roundup page appears for a tag, tap/click on it.
• Having trouble tagging? Tagged us but haven’t seen a response yet? Send us a DM with a link to the comment and we’ll respond to you as quickly as we can.

Want to become a volunteer?
To apply, email us at whitenonsenseroundup@gmail.com
Other ways to connect/engage/tag:
Twitter: @nowhitenonsense
Instagram: @whitenonsenseroundup

EARTH MINISTRY UPDATE
“Who Cooks for You?”
If you listen carefully during the dark hours, you may hear the hoot of an owl. “Who-cooks-for-you?-Who-cooks-for-you-all?” This is the call of a barred owl, a year-round resident of Minnesota. These owls are especially boisterous in late winter, perhaps because nesting begins in March, with females laying two or three eggs. Barred owls nest in tree cavities, abandoned nests of other animals, or nest boxes. Five weeks later, look for the owlets, covered with fine white down.
If you are out walking in wooded areas, you may hear barred owls, which are easier to hear than see. But if you are lucky enough to see a barred owl, you won’t see ear tufts but you may see the distinctive dark brown eyes (all other owls in the state have yellow eyes). If you have a barred owl in your yard or neighborhood, consider yourself fortunate and cherish the experience!

LOVE LIVES HERE: IMMIGRATION & SANCTUARY
St. Paul Area Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice
Community Book Discussion
To gain new understandings of and deepen our work on immigrant justice, all are invited to read and discuss the book Dear America, Notes of an Undocumented Citizen, by Jose Antonio Vargas. Books are available in local bookstores and from some Coalition member organizations. This is not a book about the politics of immigration, but rather about homelessness, not in the traditional sense but the unsettled, unmoored psychological state experienced by some undocumented immigrants coming to America. Anyone from any congregation is welcome to attend any of the book discussions listed below. Each discussion will be facilitated by a member of the congregation holding the discussion.

Wednesday, March 18
5:45 dinner; 7:15 conversation
Unity Church-Unitarian
733 Portland Ave., St. Paul

Sunday, March 22, 1-3pm
Mount Zion
1300 Summit Ave., St. Paul

Monday, March 23, 7-9pm
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
700 Snelling Ave. S., St. Paul
Social Justice

Another Chance to Promote Gun Safety Laws
Wednesday, Mar. 18 at the State Capitol
WBUUC’s Gun Sense Action Group invites you to the Moms Demand Action Advocacy Day at the State Capitol. Start at 9:30am for training and a rally. After that, meet with your representatives to discuss sensible gun laws. Go to momsdemandaction.org/events and enter your zip code to get details and to register. Your legislators need to hear from you.

The Aliveness Project: Serving People Living with HIV | Volunteers Needed
Since 1985, Aliveness has been helping people living with HIV lead healthy, self-directed lives. On April 30th, the organization will host the 26th annual Dining Out for Life event, partnering with area restaurants who agree to donate 20-100% of their profits for the day. Volunteer Ambassadors are needed. They are matched with partner restaurants and spend their shift (breakfast, lunch, or dinner) inviting friends and family to their restaurant, greeting and thanking diners, passing out “I ate” stickers, and collecting donations. Additional volunteers are also needed to assemble packets ahead of the event. To learn more or help out go to diningoutforlifemn.org.

Adult Spiritual Development

Second Monday Discussion Group
Tomorrow at 12pm—Courtyard Room
The Second Monday Discussion Group will discuss Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Kimmerer. We are a fun, lively group. New people are always welcome.

Women’s Book Group Meets Tomorrow
Tomorrow at 7pm—Wheatley
The Women’s Book Group will discuss the novel Washington Black by Esi Edugyan. The group meets the second Monday evening of each month, except for December. The book for April is Answering 911: Life in the Hot Seat by Caroline Burau, a memoir about the life of a 911 dispatcher. All WBUUC women are welcome to attend book discussions. Contact Dana Jackson, wbuuc.org/churchlife

NEW! Caregiver’s Support Group
2nd Tuesdays | 1-3pm
Next Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 10—Wheatley
Caregiving can be an overwhelming, exhausting and isolating experience, but you are not alone. WBUUC’s newly formed Caregiver Support Group will bring people together to talk with others who truly understand what you’re going through. They will help validate your experience and give connection and support. Contact Susan Taylor, wbuuc.org/churchlife

Third Thursdays: Welcoming All Adults 60+
Thursday, Mar. 19, 11am-1pm—Sanctuary
A monthly daytime group for those who are seeking additional connections and stimulating conversation around the spiritual and social aspects of aging and living purposeful lives. This one-hour program is followed by a light lunch in the Social Hall (suggested donation $5.00). Assistance with chalice lightings, cooking, or clean up always appreciated. Contact Victoria Safford with questions (651.426.2369, vsafford@wbuuc.org).

Lecture, Discussion, Book Signing for Conflagration: How the Transcendentalists Sparked the American Struggle for Racial, Gender, and Social Justice
Monday, April 20 at 7:00pm—WBUUC Sanctuary
Rev. John A. Buehrens, Author and Presenter
John Buehrens was the president of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations from 1993 to 2001, and has served several thriving congregations, including All Souls in New York City. His previous books include Understanding the Bible: An Introduction for Skeptics, Seekers, and Religious Liberals; A Chosen Faith: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism; and with Rebecca Ann Parker, A House for Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-first Century.

Religious Education

Volunteer with Children and Youth
Dive into our monthly worship themes through stories, games, crafts and more as a volunteer in our religious education program! Prep time is minimal and volunteers are provided with everything they need to help guide our children and youth as they explore and learn together on Sunday
best known for my paintings of animals. Through interaction and periods of observation, animals have had a strong significance in my life. As I evolve as a human and an artist, animals continually provide me with the voice to express myself.” Visit www.karimaxwell.com.

**Upcoming Wednesday Forums**
**Wednesdays | Supper at 5:30 | Forums at 6:30**

**Mar. 11 | Facing Race Discussion**

**Mar. 18 | Drop-In Theme Circle**
Join a small group of people to explore the theme of the month in depth, the theme for March is Attention: The Practice of Centering.

**Mar. 25 | Unrestrict Minnesota**
Most Minnesotans have no idea what the abortion laws are in our state, and Unrestrict Minnesota has undertaken a public awareness campaign to educate people about these laws. Learn more from our special guest speaker, the Rev. Kelli Clement, who serves First Unitarian Society and the St. Croix UU Fellowship, and who, some years ago, was an intern at WBUUC.

**Music and Arts**

**Call for 7th Principle Art Show Entries**
Stop by the Call for Art table between services every Sunday through March 29 to fill out an entry form for the 7th Principle Art Show sponsored by Earth Ministry. Opening on Earth Day, April 19, this show will feature works by WBUUC adults, children, and youth. Entries should reflect experience with the natural world and Earth Ministry themes: Notice. Cherish. Protect. Entries are to be left at church on April 5 and April 12.

**Current Art Show: Kari Maxwell**
Artist’s statement: “With my daily practice of writing and studio time, paired with my intuitive nature and durations of deep reflection, a new body of work is born. Although I have worked with a variety of mediums and painted a variety of subjects, I am

**Community Announcements**

**Let’s Stay Healthy!**
It’s flu and virus season: let’s stay healthy by refraining from handshakes here at church. A warm and friendly smile will welcome visitors wholeheartedly and greet old friends just fine.

**Email Scammers Posing as Congregation Leaders**
WBUUC staff, members, and friends have been experiencing another wave of email scams from people impersonating ministers and church staff. These emails often request money, contact information, gift cards, or ask you to click on a link or attachment. PLEASE NOTE! Our ministers and staff will NEVER ask you for money, gift cards, or assistance in this way. When in doubt, check the sender’s email address carefully, and contact church staff in a separate email (office@wbuuc.org), or by phone (651.426.2369).

**Bookstall: Common Read and Hymnal Inventory**
The bookstall has a supply of An Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States, the UUA Common Read, in adult and young people Editions. The UUA posted a discussion guide which is available at: www.uua.org/books/read. Both hymnals and the supplementary book of readings are being re-stocked if you want to purchase your personal copy. The bookstall has a wonderful selection of informative and inspirational books for children and adults.

**Worship Advisory Council Seeks Flower Donations**
The Worship Advisory Council is looking for volunteers to provide altar flowers for Sunday worship services. If interested in making a donation on one or more Sundays, please send an email to worship@wbuuc.org with your preferred dates. Thank you!

**Front Desk Volunteers Needed**
WBUUC is seeking temporary volunteers for Wednesday mornings 10am-1pm and Thursday
afternoons 1-4pm. If you think you might be interested, please contact Anna for more information: agehres@wbuuc.org.

Contact Information—Response Needed
Please help us ensure that our records are up-to-date with your latest contact info (including your pronouns and your birthday) and a recent photo. If you’re not sure how to log-in to ChurchLife to check and update your profile, please contact Rev. Jack. He will walk you through the log-in and updating process. Alternatively, you could always just send an email to him with the necessary information (and a photo), and he will gladly update your record for you. We are looking for: name, address, phone number, email address, pronouns, birthday (or birth year), and an updated photo of good quality.

A Note on Outside Fundraisers
WBUUC does not allow fundraisers for outside organizations. This includes fundraising efforts for schools, teams, and scouting organizations. Thank you!

A Note on Politics, Courtesy and Right Relations
The 2020 election season is heating up, and many of us are passionately involved in work for candidates and issues. As a tax exempt religious organization, our congregation is committed to best practices in political engagement. If you have questions about what’s permitted and what’s not here at church, here’s a ready reference: bit.ly/UUA-elections. Beyond what’s legally required of us, we are committed also to covenantal relationships with one another, respecting the right and responsibility of each person to discern their own beliefs and choose their own actions. Please respect this space and one another. Consider, when you wear that shirt with your candidate’s name emblazoned on the front, what messages you are sending, even inadvertently, about our congregation as a whole; think twice, in that hallway conversation, about courtesy and respect. Our congregation has always taken an active, courageous and prophetic role on issues in the public square, but we are mindful, too, that people come to church on Sundays and all week long for other reasons, also, including a blessed break from non-stop political noise. Thanks for your care. – Victoria Safford

TODAY: Sunday, March 8
9am & 11am Religious Education—RE Wing
9am & 11am Worship Service—Sanctuary
10:15am Sitting Meditation—Quiet Room
12:30pm Membership 2—Alcove
12:30pm New Member Theme Circle—Ballou
12:30pm Wellspring—Iowa Sisterhood
12:30pm Earth Ministry—Whitney Young

Monday, March 9
8:30 People Inc.—Kitchen
12pm Second Monday Discussion Group—Courtyard Room
7pm League of Women Voters Presents: Role of the Media in Elections—Social Hall
7pm Women’s Book Group—Wheatley

Tuesday, March 10
6pm Gun Sense Group—Social Hall
6:30pm Building Bridges—Whitney Young
7pm Adult Children of Alcoholics—Ballou
7pm Love Lives Here—Wheatley
7pm Men’s Group—Courtyard Room

Wednesday, March 11

SUPPER & SOULWORK:
NO CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:30pm Supper | All Ages—Social Hall
6:30pm Art & Soul—Social Hall
Chalice-Making: Create a chalice to bring home as you share ideas with others about UU rituals you include in your home.
6:30pm Movement—Alcove
Tai Chi: Tai Chi is a low-impact, slow moving meditation practice which focuses on breath and the movement of Qi. Many people use Tai Chi to improve balance, but the movements can easily be adapted and can even be done from a sitting position.
6:30pm Forum—Wheatley
Facing Race Discussion: See inside for details.

Thursday, March 12
7:30pm Social Action Committee—Ballou
7:30pm Youth Group—Iowa Sisterhood
7:30pm Young Adult Group—Whitney Young

Saturday, March 14
9am Cookie Bake—Kitchen