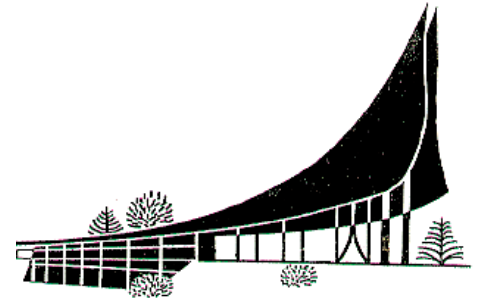


SOUNDINGS

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THE NEXT SOUNDINGS DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, JAN 13

Jan 8 - Jan. 28, 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan. 8 Service: 9 & 11 am OWL Parents Grp., E.W. - 12:30 pm Rainbow Task Force, Chapel... 12:45 pm Special Congregational Mtg., Sanct. ...12:30 pm Positive Conversations for the Future, Sanct., ... 1:00 pm	9 Board of Trustees, Fellowship Rm., ... 7:30 pm	10 Senior Luncheon, East Wing, ... 11:00 am Finance Com., M.H., - 5:30 pm	11 Chant & Meditation Meeting Hse., ... 7:00 pm Men's Choir, ... 8:00 pm	12 Youth Choir - 5pm Teen Choir - 6 pm Bell Choir - 6:45pm Women's Choir - 7:45 pm	13 SOUNDINGS Deadline, 12 pm Shawl Ministry, M.H., - 12:30	14 Newcomer Orientation I, E.W. ... 9:30 am Sight-singing Sanctuary, ... 9:30 am
15 Worship Service: 9 & 11 am OWL Parents Grp., E.W. - 12:30 pm UU-UNO Com., M.H., ... 12:30 pm	16 O&AF Rehearsal, ... 7:45 pm	17 Men's Choir, ... 8:00 pm	18 SOUNDINGS Mailing - 9:30 am Chant & Meditation Meeting Hse., ... 7:00 pm Abolish Death Penalty, Fellow. Rm., 7:30 pm Chamber Choir, ... 7:45 pm	19 Youth Choir - 5 pm Teen Choir - 6 pm Bell Choir - 6:45pm Women's Choir - 7:45 pm	20 Voices Cafe Sanctuary, ... 5:00 pm	21 Sight-singing, Sanctuary ...9:30 am Newcomer Orient. II, E.W., ... 9:30 am Small Group Facilitators, M.H., ... 10:00 am Citizens United, Sanctuary, ... 1:00 pm Family Worship & Potluck, Sanct. 5:00 pm
22 Worship Services 9 & 11 am OWL Parents Grp., E.W. - 12:30 pm Environmental Action, Chapel - ... 12:30 pm Circles 4 & 9 Party, M.H., ... 4:00 pm	23	24 Men's Choir, ... 8:00 pm	25 Chant & Meditation Library ... 7:00 pm	26 Youth Choir - 5 pm Teen Choir - 6 pm Bell Choir - 6:45pm Women's Choir - 7:45 pm	27 SOUNDINGS Deadline ...12 pm Shawl Ministry, Meeting Hse., ... 12:30 pm UU Movie Discussion Group. M.H., - 7:30 pm	28 Sight-singing, Sanctuary, ... 9:30 am Newcomer Orient. III, E.W. ... 9:30 am Virginia Woolf Reading of "A Room of One's Own"

SERMONS:

January 8 ... 9 & 11 am ... **The Future of Faith** Frank Hall
Some say we are entering a time when we'll witness 'the end of faith.' Change permeates everything, including religion, but the human need for faith will last.
Music: 9 am, Men's Choir. 11 am, Women's Choir

January 15 ... 9 & 11 am **Prayer** Frank Hall
You may choose to call it meditation, or simply taking some time to reflect, but no matter what you call it, the need is there – how shall that need be satisfied?
Music: Men's Choir & Women's Choir

January 22 ...9 & 11 am **Googling God** Frank Hall
Most of us are Googlers. We use the internet for research, which we once did in the library. The world is at our fingertips. What do we find about God on the home computer?
Music: Guest artist Ole Akahosi, Yale cellist

Explore Your Whole Wuurld!

If you have any questions, contact Elaine McMillan: mcmillane@yahoo.com

Continuing Educ.—UU Style!

What do we get for paying annual dues to the UU Metro NY District? One thing is webinars—both scheduled & on-demand. Here's a sampling: Congregational Polity [governance] for the Indifferent Lay Leader; Drawing the Line: Disruptive Behavior Policies and Procedures; Creating Meetings That Matter; Committees on Ministry. Go to: www.cerguua.org/moodle/



Standing on the Side of Love has announced a new campaign, 30 Days of Love, beginning Jan. 16, 2012 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), and ending Feb. 14, 2012 (Valentine's Day). Thirty Days of Love will be a collective visioning process about making sense of the present moment and what we are called to do. It offers daily, direct actions for love. An on-line calendar can be a template to guide you through a meaningful 30 days. Your participation is envisioned as a process, not an event. Learn more at:

www.standingonthesideoflove.org/national-standing-on-the-side-of-love-month-the-story-of-us-the-story-of-now/

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Thinking about Leadership?

Does it seem like the same folks volunteer and then get burned out? Want to "spread the wealth"? Thinking of moving into a leadership role? Try taking the webinar "Creating a 'Leadership Development Team' in Your Congregation." Rev. Renee Ruchotzke, (Leadership Development Consultant) will guide you to:



- Encourage a culture that nurtures new leaders.
- Help you to develop an understanding of how to include youth, young adults and people of color in your congregation's leadership.
- Develop a community of learning and reflection that appreciates new ideas and is patient with the small failures that come with innovation.

- Advance your seasoned leaders into new roles where they nurture new leaders.
- Develop a 3-year plan to help guide your congregation through this transformation.

Go to <http://cerguua.org/cergwebinars/224-passtorch2012.html>

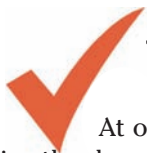
THE UNITARIAN CHURCH IN WESTPORT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' CALL TO A SPECIAL MEETING IN THE SANCTUARY - 12:30 pm on SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012

Notice is given of a Special Meeting called by the Board of Trustees to re-open the Annual Meeting held on September 25, 2011. The single purpose of the meeting is to enable the Nominating Committee to correct a procedural error that was created by its failure to put forth a slate of four (4) vetted incumbent members of the Board as well as two (2) incumbent members of the Audit Committee, all six of whom were eligible for re-election.

To correct that error of the Nominating Committee, the congregation will be asked to give an up or down vote for the entire slate.

This election falls under the prior constitution which was still in place at the time of the last Annual Meeting, and which did not allow for Absentee Ballots. Further, since there were no petitioning candidates at the September 25th Annual Meeting, petitions will not be allowed at the Special Meeting.



You're Hired!

At our Annual Meeting in June, we'll put into practice the democratic process of selecting members for the five "elected committees of the congregation."

- Board of Trustees
- Capital Endowment Committee
- Committee on Ministries
- Nominating and Leadership Development Committee
- Audit Committee

Starting now, we on the current Nominating and Leadership Development Committee will develop a recommended slate of candidates for open positions in these committees, and we

hope you are interested in serving! We are charged to complete our recommended slate by April, so please contact us with any questions you have, and to express interest in any of these committees. We're very interested in talking to YOU!

To serve on any elected committee, you must be a member of the congregation for one year. Full descriptions of these committees are in our Constitution, which you can access on the website, from the 'Our Constitution' link:

http://www.uuwestport.org/Docs/Constitution_APPROVED_092511.pdf

Please reach out to any of us on the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee: Marianne Barber (msbarber@optonline.net), Carl Serbell (cserbell@yahoo.com), or Elaine McMillan, chair (mcmillane@yahoo.com).

January 2, 2012

Dear Friends,

As we ease ourselves into the new calendar year it's understandable that we take a look back over the left shoulder, since we can't twist the neck 360 degrees like the wise old owl.

Our Christmas Eve services were very well attended, starting with the Pageant at 4 p.m. We always invite the little ones to sit on the floor in the front of the sanctuary so that they can see Mary and Joseph, the Shepherds and Angels, the Three Kings and the other characters.

This year I decided to introduce the Pageant with a quiz, to familiarize the children with the basics of the pageant story. I began by asking, "What was the name of the child in the story?" A four-year old raised his hand and said, "Chris." I said that he was close, that he had a partial answer. With a little prodding we established that the baby was Jesus.

Then I asked, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" An enthusiastic three year old raised her hand way up high and said, "Mommy!" Right, of course!

I asked, "Who told the shepherds not to be afraid?" A four-year old boy responded, "Gloria!"

You can't script that!

At the 9 o'clock service, with record attendance somewhere around 450 or so, and at the well-attended 11 p.m. service, Debra and I shared the pulpit. We decided long ago that we'll each offer a reflection of our choosing, rather than coordinate a theme.

Debra chose to talk about her appreciation for the historical Jesus, and I talked about the concept of the Christ. While her talk focused on the teachings of Jesus – how to live a good life in this down-to-earth world, mine was about the origin of our English word Christ, from the Hebrew Messiah – the anointed one. Balancing Debra's comments about Jesus' emphasis on living in the world, I suggested that our Christ nature helps us to live with ourselves, as well as with others – how to invite the 'better angels of our nature' into our lives.

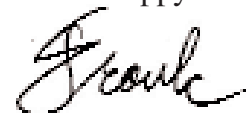
Ed's Christmas Eve music was nourishment for the soul! As he and I were closing up shop at about 12:45 he said, "I'll see you in the morning." I responded, "It *is* the morning!"

We returned at 10 a.m. to get ready for the 11 a.m. service, surprised to have 62 in attendance. We sang some carols and I did my annual reading of Staves One and Five of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. He called the chapters 'staves,' a musical term for the various parts, to go along with the title of his story.

The theme for yesterday's New Year's Day service was beginnings – how we move through the seasons and cycles of life, beginning again, and again.

After a reminder of the creation stories in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, I told the Inuit creation story about Raven, who was both bird and man. The first man kicked his way out of a pea pod – it took four days, a long labor, and how Raven made a mate for him so that they could populate the world.

I wrote a couple of poems focusing on beginnings – they're on back of this letter. Have a Happy New Year.



Seventy Eight Point Six – a Private Race, Frank Hall

The Marathon is 26.2 miles
The average lifespan is three times as long: 78.6 years
The rules of both are clear: you have to begin at the beginning
 take a number and attach it for the duration
Then it's one step at a time...
 In time, on time, through time
 Because time doesn't stand still -- every runner knows that
 You don't have to ask
Preparation for the big race is a private race all by itself
(There's no difference between preparing for the race and running the race itself)
It starts at the beginning – the starting point – date of birth, where the timeline starts
It ends at the finish line, the end of the marathon,
Which, if you're lucky, you cross on your own two feet
And deliver the good-news message that the race has been won.

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Beginnings, Frank Hall

Sometimes I'm sorry not to be able to remember my own beginning
I do remember a few fleeting moments at age three or four – maybe even at age two
But not even enough for a short poem
Not even enough to sweeten the morning coffee
Not even enough to light my Uncle Al's cigar
If only I could remember all the way back to the first day, that would be more than enough
 'It's not necessary to dial the one – please hang up and try your call again'
 'To leave a call back number press five'
 'Press two for more options'
Too many interruptions...too many eruptions
Too many explosions in the coffee shops in Iraq
 or on the bus in Jerusalem
 or at the mall in Tucson
No wonder I can't remember the beginning
There's too much happening in the middle
 too much happening in the New York Times
 too many books reviewed
 too many obituaries (too many with birthdates after mine)
Now there are times I wish I could forget more –
 forget about all the explosions
 forget that the universe is expanding
 forget that the polar ice cap is melting
 forget that time is fleeting
No wonder I can't remember the beginning
I should be glad about that
I should be glad to be here in this hour
I should be glad to have been here at all.

Perry's Ponderings ...

Fourth grader Caden was not sure he wanted to be in the Christmas Pageant. He wanted to be part of it, but performing in front of an audience was not comfortable for him. First he thought he might be a stagehand, but we encouraged him to be a shepherd. Caden's Christmas Pageant journey was a birth to behold.

The shepherds start off to the side and stay together as a group so that was a good way for Caden to get a feel for what this was all about. In the first rehearsal all the shepherds were a little reserved in their singing and performing, but with Ed's expert instruction, including moving them into position by warning them about the frisky goat with horns behind them, they became more confident. When the shepherds took center stage for their part in the actual Pageant, Caden was right there with them singing in front of the audience and acting out the astonishment and wonder of the shepherd part. As the shepherds witnessed the birth in the manger, we saw a blossoming in Caden.

These self-discoveries are happening all the time in Religious Education experiences. After a K-4 workshop on meditation in nature and a yoga one that both focused on getting in touch with your feelings, Nina's parents found her meditating at home and she informed them she was "Buddhalizing." Henri was also in the lotus position when his parents came downstairs in the morning and he stated that, "Henri has brought the Buddha in the house." The children discovered more about being home in themselves and spiritual practices that they may carry with them as lifelong tools.

It is a true gift to see the continual birth of these young people and sometimes we are fortunate to follow this unfolding into adulthood. A few hours after Caden found new confidence within himself, a former child Pageant participant, Elisabeth, performed as the adult female soloist at the late Christmas Eve service. I stayed to hear her beautiful voice touch us with the spirit of the night.

Then one of our high school youth, Emma, ended the night as she had started it to open the Pageant with her angelic voice singing *O Holy Night*. That it was and I look forward to more of these holy moments throughout the New Year.

RE CALENDAR

Friday, Jan 6 ...

6pm Drum In The New Year
(pizza too) - Sanctuary

Sunday, Jan 8 ...

12:30pm OWL Parent Group, E.W.

Sunday, Jan.15 ...

9&1 I am K-4 MLK Jr. Lesson

12:30pm OWL Parent Group, E.W.

Saturday, Jan 21...

5:30pm Family Worship & Potluck

Sunday, Jan 22 ...

12:30pm OWL Parent Group, E.W.

Beardsley School Book Drive



Please bring in your gently used children's books to donate to Beardsley - our adopted school.

This is a great way to do a little bookshelf cleaning and make sure that the books have a great new home - Beardsley and its students!

Please leave your books in the collection box in the foyer downstairs or upstairs at the social justice table.

The book drive will run through January 29.

YOUTH OUTREACH/

Jamie Forbes

'College or Not' Youth Group Reunion 2011

On Friday night, December 23rd, 22 former youth group members gathered in our youth room to reconnect and to catch up on what they have all been doing since graduating high school (or since last year's reunion).

Many different graduating classes were represented from '11 to '05. Amrita Sankar asked everyone to tell us something significant that has happened to them in the last year. Jim Cooper, Ed Thompson and I participated but mostly enjoyed hearing what our young adults have been up to. For the college freshman the fact that they were in college was the biggest change. For some who were a few years older, opportunities to travel, graduate school, internships, were mentioned. What was most significant to me as I looked around the room and absorbed the energy, was the spirit that all of these young people brought. They feel very connected to this UCW community and to each other whether they knew each other in high school or not. We ended the evening with some extremely energetic carol singing with Ed at the keyboard. Our 2nd annual December re-union was a wonderful evening, with a promise of many more to come!



2011 Youth Group Reunion

Youth Outreach Calendar

Saturday, Jan 7...

Westbridge Coalition

Sundays, Jan 8, 15, 22 ...

Soup lunch fundraisers for the Feb. break service trip

February 18-25 ...

Youth Outreach Service Trip to Washington DC!

Share The Plate: Let's Turn Up the Heat!

Have you ever been cold? I don't mean like run out to the mail box and back without a coat on cold, or waiting for the heat in your car to warm up on a cold January night cold. No, I mean days of bone chilling cold. The kind of cold that you just can't escape from. Go to bed fully clothed cold. Choose between food or heat cold. That kind of cold.

I'm in the Netherlands as you read this so I don't really know how cold it is in Connecticut.

What I do know is that state officials are struggling to fund a winter heating assistance program so that Connecticut's poorest families can heat their homes and not experience that kind of cold. So far it's not going too well. There's a pretty big chasm between what these 231,000 families need to heat their homes, and what they can actually afford to pay.

Annual heating costs for these families averaged \$2,200 more last year than what they could afford. That's \$2,200 more per year for a family of three with an annual income of \$33,048.

Operation Fuel is our January 8 Share the plate recipient.

Operation fuel is devoted to caring for the most vulnerable members of Connecticut's population by providing income based assistance to residents who may have no other option to cover their energy costs. How big a task is that? Pretty big.

The primary source of winter heating aid comes from the federal government's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, commonly called LIHEAP.

The current estimate is that Connecticut will receive \$46.4 million. Last year, the state ran the program with \$115 million in federal funds. Our Connecticut legislators voted to guarantee another \$15 million on top of the federal dollars for a total of \$61 million. Still a far cry from \$115 million.

People get sick, people go hungry and people die because they cannot afford to pay their home energy bills. Operation Fuel tries to make a difference, tries to prevent that from happening. We can help too!



Thank You!

Twenty-four years ago Mel and Doris Brenner starting working with Family ReEntry. And then they brought us along too!

Once again our congregation participated in Family ReEntry's Fresh Start Program, collecting gifts and donations (to be turned into gifts) for children of people who are incarcerated or who have recently been released from prison.

This year we collected well over a hundred presents and over \$1,300. Claudette Renzulli, Director of Rentry programs sent me the following:

"Fresh Start would like to take the time to personally thank you for all of your lovely donations; gifts/gift cards which were given to all of our programs; Fresh Start, BHV, Beacon, Champions, EPH (Enterprise House) and Transitions. Our clients had a great party with Santa, food and lots of fun. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Again, thank you. Very much appreciated. Great Day!"

Mel and Doris continue to be our inspiration, our guiding lights. Lynda Bluestein and Michael and Sharon Bittenbender organized our collection this year and last. Thank you! And thank you congregation!

Next year will be number 25. Quite an accomplishment.

If Occupy Wall Street Had a Concert...

If Occupy Wall Street had a concert award winning songwriter and social activist Tom Neilson would be the headliner. Instead, he will be performing at our own Voices Cafe on Friday, January 20th at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door and can be purchased in the church foyer after services or on our website: <http://voicescafe.org/buy-tickets/>.

Known as the Bard Insurgent, Neilson brings his raucous political satire and quick wit to our sanctuary. His songs mix humor, outrage and compassion in the finest tradition of folk music. Tom has been at the forefront in helping communities organize against war, water privatization, mountain top removal, nuclear energy, incinerators, fracking, & toxic waste.

He's received 18 awards and nominations, most recently winning the 2011 IMA People's Choice Award for Song of the Year for Social Action. At the Kerrville Folk Festival, Tom was referred to as the Jon Stewart of folk music. And he looks like (a younger) Pete Seeger! Come and enjoy his mix of storytelling, music and humor.

And here's the rest of this season's line-up:

- **Mikata, Saturday, March 3** –
Wear your dancing shoes for this Salsa and Latin Jazz Orchestra!
- **Brother Sun, Sunday, April 15**–
This trio with deep roots in gospel, blues, and folk, weaves a tapestry of harmony that's brilliantly fresh and yet familiar.
- **Peter Yarrow, Saturday, May 19**–
Yes, THAT Peter Yarrow. What more do I have to say?

For more information about any of the above performances or if you would like to get involved with VOICES Café, please contact David Vita: david@uuwestport.org, 203.227.7205 x14.



Join the Home Energy Challenge

Connecticut residents are eligible for a CL&P and UI sanctioned Home Energy Solutions visit, for \$75 (free to income-eligible). Learn about this home energy assessment and improvement program after either service on February 12th (10-10:30 or 12-12:30). To sign up call New England Smart Energy at (203) 292-8088 and mention that you were referred by the Unitarian Church, or visit the table outside the sanctuary.

SAVE-THE DATE

Barbara Fast presents an afternoon with Virginia Wolfe

Come and celebrate Virginia Woolf's Birthday on January 28th at 12:30 PM. There will be cake!!

We will celebrate her birthday (January 25th) and women are invited to read from her book "A Room of One's Own". If you know you want to be a reader- e-mail Barbara uurevbarbara@gmail.com

All are invited to share the celebrating and hear her optimistic and prophetic work about what the liberated mind can create!

Be inspired and challenged. Women- Let her words come to life in your voice!

Everyone is invited to come and listen. Produced and Presented by Barbara Fast with the help, encouragement, support and participation of family & friends.

"...great poets do not die; they are continuing presences; they need only the opportunity to walk among us in the flesh. This opportunity, as I think, it is now coming within your power to give her...if we have the habit of freedom and the courage to write exactly what we think."

Virginia Woolf, *A Room of One's Own*

UU Movie Discussion

Group, Friday, Jan. 27

The UU Movie Discussion Group meets again on Friday, January 27 to discuss 2 films: "War Horse" and "The Artist", Potluck dessert at 7:30; Discussion at 8. At the Meeting House. All are welcome.



Business Matters

Happy New Year!

Wait, wait, it actually isn't a new year yet for the church as we are on that confusing Fiscal Year!

So what does that mean and how does it affect you.

You will be receiving giving statements for 2011 tax purposes. They will be two statements, one for the first half of 2011 and the other for the second. They will not look the same as we have changed our record keeping system.

For those of you wondering where you stand with your pledged giving for this fiscal year I will be sending out a statement for that. Please make every effort to stay current. For those of you who make their pledge via credit card I want you to know that I try to stay on top of the times when a card has expired or been declined. It is a major task but simplified by the fact that the system sends you an email every time there is a transaction completed or every time a card is declined or expired. Also, check you monthly statements. If the charge is missing then you know something went wrong!

Best wishes to you in the new calendar year and as we round the corner into the second half of the church's fiscal year.

John Carroll

*Church Administrator/
Business Manager*

Positive Conversations for our Future

We live in a world of Story! Our future is created by what we talk about! Our story is always emerging! The stories we focus on determine where we go.

This is true whether we are creating our story as a single person, a couple, or a group sharing similar aspirations. At the core of a positive movement forward is a dialogue between disparate parts within our-selves, and /or others who hold different views of the world they desire.

As a congregation we are in various conversations about our future together. In a few weeks we will be starting an Appreciative Inquiry Process, which will seek to discover our core strengths leading to a revised picture of our future best case as a congregation. In preparation for those activities, we are offering sessions entitled Positive Conversations for our Future. These sessions will review a number of tools and skills for enhancing our conversations in our movement forward. These skills can be applied to any situation that calls for clear communication.

It is the hope of the facilitators (Jim & Pat Francek, and Tom Hearne) that participants will experience an expansion of their ability to both own their own specific truths as well as to acknowledge, understand and appreciate the deeply held truths of others. By approaching this dialogue with an open mind and empathic heart, our community can move into a common open will that generates an exciting and engaging future. We hope you will be interested in attending one of these sessions! (see left for schedule of sessions).

Jim Francek

*Coach for Neighborhood Circle
Facilitators
jimfrancek25@gmail.com*

Positive Conversations for the Future Schedule

Who: All congregants wishing to enhance a continuing positive dialogue for our future

When: Sunday: January 8th
from 1:30-3:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Sunday: January 29th
from 1-3 PM in the Sanctuary

Facilitators: Jim & Pat Francek and Tom Hearne

The 2nd Annual UGNO

Caroling Night took place Thursday 12/22. Last year, the fellas sang to homes in Fairfield ... this year, they sang to various congregants homes in Westport, including Senior Minister Frank Hall. Both traditional carols and some written for the occasion were sung to bring good cheer. Afterward, the men toasted a job well done!

UGNO stands for Unitarian Guys Night Out and is our unofficial men's club.



The carolers toast "A Job Well Done!"

The Snooks are surprised!



Frank shows his appreciation



"Tidings of Reason and Fact" ... UU lyrics.

Editor's Note: I was one of the lucky folks who was caroled to this year. I was surprised and delighted! Following is my "thank you" to the UGNO boys.

Carol Porter

*'Twas 3 nights before Christmas and all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring not even my mouse,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my couch to see what was the matter.*

*Away to the door I cautiously flew,
Opened the door and instantly knew
With jolly Jim Keenan leading the noise,
I knew in an instant it was the UGNO boys.*

*They whistled and shouted and sang a few carols,
They looked pretty good in their holiday apparel.
Their religiously neutral songs brought good Cheer
What a wonderful way to bring in the New Year!*



Merry McEvoy, a perfect Santa!



The Serbells hear the evenings first carols.

ROAD TRIP

Mark your calendars for a road trip on Friday night January 6. That's the date that Exit 43, our very own home-grown Unitarian musical group, will be making its debut performance at the Buttonwood Tree Performing Arts Center in Middletown, CT. You can join and support Ed Thompson, Andy Gundell, Suzanne Sheridan, and Scarlett Lee Moore for a rousing spiritual and musical adventure. You will find more information on www.buttonwood.org or call 203-222-1441 for more details.



Family Worship & Potluck

Saturday, January 21 • • • All Are Welcome



 Activity for children & adults
Small Group Sharing - 5pm

 Worship for All Ages 5:45pm

Musical Guest

The
**Stringed Cheese
Trio**

with our friend Charlie Schott

Story, Reflection, & Poem with Frank, Perry, Jamie, & You

 Potluck - 6:30pm

Bring a hearty dish to share!

RSVP to ucwevents@gmail.com or 227-7205 x20

Voices Cafe - acoustic folk/rock

Unitarian Church in Westport
10 Lyons Plains Road, Westport

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20th AT 8pm (7:30 doors open)



Featuring TOM NEILSON - the Bard Insurgent, the Jon Stewart of folk music, raucous political satire and quick wit. His songs mix humor, outrage and compassion in the finest tradition of folk music. Tom has been at the forefront in helping communities organize against war, water privatization, mountain top removal, nuclear energy, incinerators, fracking, & toxic waste. He's received 18 awards and nominations, most recently winning the 2011 IMA People's Choice Award for Song of the Year for Social Action.

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Home baked refreshments...Beverages...Child care provided