



Westminster Chimes

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SERVICES AT 9:00 AND 11:00 AM
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT 9:00 AM
Preschool through 8th Grade
Nursery Care Available

APRIL 13

Earth Day Service

Benefits of locally grown food
Children start in Sanctuary then return to
Fellowship Hall to start tomato and marigold
plants.

APRIL 20

MIRIAM: A STORY FOR PASSOVER

Rev. Barbara Fast

We know some of the story of Moses, the
prophet who led his people to freedom. This
is a story about his sister Miriam and her
love for her brother.

5:30 PM

POT LUCK SEDER

ALL ARE INVITED- SEE INSERT

APRIL 27

10AM : ONE SERVICE

APRIL MORNINGS

Rev. Barbara Fast

It was April 30, 2006 that you chose me and
I chose you and we began our shared
journey. This April Morning you will make
another important choice. You will vote on
the 'home' you want to create for the future
of Westminster!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 11:15

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Members and Friends,

This year is an historic one for Westminster.
On September 21, 2008 we will celebrate the
50th anniversary of the first church service held in the Hedge
Room of our Parish House, following the church's move to
East Greenwich. A lot of history has happened in the 50
intervening years - a lot of personal joys and sorrows, a lot of
laughs, a lot of memories. Just as there had been countless
joys and sorrows, laughs and memories shared at Adelaide
Avenue in Providence. What a fitting year for this church to
begin its own historic journey - to set the path for 50 years
hence.

Over the past two years we have talked and discussed and
studied and, yes, even worried about what to do. You have
talked and the Board has listened. We have talked and you
have listened.

Please join us for a

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 27 11:15 A.M.
FOLLOWING ONE CHURCH SERVICE AT 10.

AGENDA:

Call to order .

- With hope, optimism, celebration of the past and dedication
to our future, the Board unanimously recommends to the
congregation that we:
- 1) construct a new building that serves as our Parish House
and Fellowship Hall and
2) conduct a feasibility study for raising funds for a new
building.

Please join your voice with ours as we make this historic vote
and take a UU leap of faith into the future.

Faithfully,
Janet Searles, President
Board of Trustees

Dear Friends

April 8, 2008

What a weekend at Westminster as we celebrated our incarnational lives. Paying attention to, treating each other and our earth with kindness and humility helps us to learn how to “*improve the nick of time*” as Thoreau put it.

I am so happy and grateful to have welcomed Debra Haffner here. Grateful for her words, presence, vision and inspiration. Grateful that you were happy to receive her and her message that our incarnational lives are worthy to be celebrated, that we are made in the image of the divine, and that our human sexuality is a precious gift to be honored, not abused or exploited.

Mary Oliver wrote, “*happiness when done right is a kind of holiness, palpable and redemptive.*”

Saturday Sally Anne Spenser and Finley Deatcher wed. Sally Anne signed our membership book on April 9, 1944. Then she was 18 and Sally Anne Kneeland! “Happiness” they told me “in the nick of time”. Some *times* change a life.

Earth day 1990 changed mine. My minister asked me to witness to my Earth Day efforts in my home, children’s school and in my town. It was that day I first felt called to ministry. As part of my efforts on the town Earth Day Committee, I had compiled a refrigerator sheet of “simple ways to save the earth”. At the bottom I had written and “lobbied” for ***Promote family planning worldwide.*** After the service, Debra came up to me to thank me for that. I said, “You have no idea how hard I had to work to get that in.” She replied, “Oh yes I do!” I think that was an understatement. Our friendship began.

Sunday afternoon, some of us sat down with Debra to evaluate how Westminster is doing in terms of Safe Congregations Policy, Welcoming Congregation programming, Social Action, and Lifespan Education and to plan what more we will do.

I called Debra to make sure she had arrived home safely. She wanted me to tell you that she was so happy that you are so open and receptive to her message and she was impressed that you are so ready to move forward on these issues. She loved meeting you. We did not know then that she and I would both become UU clergy! You just never know where life will bring you.

Happiness when done right is a kind of holiness, palpable and redemptive. Good work always makes us happy and we just don’t know where it will take us. In that spirit of happy hard work and not knowing, that I invite you to come and lobby with me in Providence this Earth Day April 22nd.

The world offers us infinite possibilities for happiness, joy, gratitude or disappointment, frustration, anger every day. What will we embrace? How will we *improve our nick of time*? April 27th you will vote for the future shape of Westminster. May your vote serve *a kind of holiness* and bring happiness.

In good faith and with love and appreciation,

Barbara

APRIL'S CHARITY OF THE MONTH NATURE CONSERVANCY OF RI

Westminster shares unrestricted cash placed in our collection basket 50/50 with a different charity each month. With approval from our minister and Board of Directors, the Share the Plate Committee selected *The Nature Conservancy of RI* for the month of April, in celebration of Earth Day.



Guidelines for Donations

- Checks and Cash Envelopes written out to WESTMINSTER will go 100% to Westminster.
- If you wish to contribute directly to the charity, please write a SEPARATE check to the charity. Your contribution is tax deductible.
- Unrestricted Cash will be split 50/50 between Westminster and the Charity.

For questions about sharing the plate, please contact a member of the Share the Plate Committee, Kristen Morelli, Bill Stone, or Wendy Schwartz. To make a charitable organization suggestion, please fill out a Nomination Form located in Fellowship Hall.

WOMENSPHERE SPRING GATHERING

Aging with Grace and Spirit

Saturday, April 19, 2008

9:30am-3pm

First Universalist Society in Franklin
262 Chestnut Street, Franklin, MA

Womensphere organizes sacred circle gatherings for women of the Ballou Channing District of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Our spring gathering will be a day spent celebrating the wonderful journey that aging can be. Our panelists are six wise and spirited women in their 70's, 80's and 90's. Cost is \$27 including lunch. A limited number of scholarships are available. To register or for more information, please contact Kate Gillis. See your printed [Chimes](#).



SHARE-THE-PLATE THANKS

Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$370.90 to the Salvation Army's Good Neighbor Energy Fund.

This year we plan to assist over 2000 families with heating assistance on gas, oil and electric bills.

May God bless you for your generosity.

F. Fuller

CLOTHING SALE

Clean out those closets! Why? The spring clothing sale is coming in April. The dates are April 25 and 26. If you can help us, we would appreciate it.



HOMELESS TV

27" Sony TV needs a good home. Excellent condition, with owner's manual. Take it away (it's heavy). Call Conrad. See your printed Chimes.

PROPERTY VOLUNTEERS

Property Volunteers needed for April projects with possible dates Saturday, April 12 or 26 or FRIDAY, April 11, 18 depending on people's availability.

- RAKING/LEAF BLOWING/TRIMMING
- SANTUARY WOOD FILLING/STAINING

Please e-mail me [Cele Mark](#). See your printed Chimes. and let me know your availability. Dates will be set when people let me know their availability.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE RETREAT

will be on Sunday 4/27 from 2-5 pm. We will be discussing our vision and forging ways to include the many types of social responsibility actions we engage in from marches to food pantries. Anyone interested in social responsibility at Westminster is welcome. Please call/e-mail Dee Lovecky or Carolyn Mark and let us know you are coming so we can prepare. See your printed Chimes.

RAFFLE OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY ITEMS

Westminster's Green Sanctuary Task Force is raffling off some items supplied by The Nature Conservancy of RI. We have two T-shirts, two sets of a scarf and a hat, two tote bags and some plush Karner Blue butterflies. The raffle will start on Sunday, April 6, and conclude on Sunday, April 13, following our annual Earth Day services. Please stop by our Nature Conservancy table during coffee hour for raffle tickets and information about The Nature Conservancy of Rhode Island and project to study effects of sea level rising on the Rhode Island coast.

SUMMER SERVICES

Yes, Summer Services.

Please contact me if you would like to lead a worship service this coming summer. Summer session begins June 22 and runs for 10 weeks until August 24.

Also, if you want to be involved in putting together the summer services, let me know. Thanks, Bo Pickard. See your printed [Chimes](#).

NAME TAGS

Members are encouraged to wear their name tags or to make out a temporary nametag found on the kiosk in the Sanctuary. The Membership Committee requests that you please take a moment and write on your name tag the committees for which you volunteer. New nametags will be printed with this information as it becomes available.

SHAWL MINISTRY EVENING EDITION

Next Session: Wednesday, April 16th from 6-7 PM
All are welcome! Come join us. We meet monthly on the 3rd Wednesday to create and bless our handmade shawls. Creation is therapy for the creator as well as for the shawl recipient. A nutritious snack will be provided. Questions? Contact. Mary Haney. See your [printed Chimes](#).

THANKS FOR ANSWERING OUR CALL!

Our deepest gratitude to the following people who volunteered to be on the Caring Circle "call list" in the event we need additional help. The outpouring of support after our Sunday services was overwhelming! All of us in the Caring Circle are indeed grateful for your support. If your name doesn't appear below and you'd like to be on our "call list" please look on the Caring Circle bulletin board for additional volunteer forms. Special thanks to each of you who offer help "under the radar" to others in need. Each time one of us steps forward to help another we move closer to living our covenant. **Thank you...** Judy Adourian, Julia Archer, Pam Bazar, Sue Bollens, Karlton Bontrager, Crystal Bradshaw, Renee Bucklin, Kathy Congdon, Isabelle Conrad, Denise Coppa, Bruce & Patti Cousineau, Sunny Dennis, Laura Evans, Bruce Foresman, Laura French, Carolin Goldman, Mary Haney, Sandy Hopkins, Paula Hurd, Al Jeffries, Katnner Johnson, Julie Kennedy, Dee Lovecky, Paola Mangiacapra, Alice Marchant, Cele Mark, Penny Morgan-Stebbins, Mary Paolino, Cindy Reiser, Ernest Ross, Danielle Salisbury, Janet Searles, Henry Sharpe, Peggy Sharpe, Sally Spencer, Molly Thoman, Jerry Tisser, Margaret & Tom Townsend, Laurie Tyce, Wendy Warburton, Elizabeth Wayland-Seal, Marina Weiss, Lilyanne Werle, Helen Wielkiewicz, Caitlin Young.

EARTH DAY ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Green Sanctuary Task Force has compiled a list of some local Earth Day activities:

Saturday, April 12, 10:30 am to 1

pm – The Sierra Club of RI is doing a "Walk for Energy Independence" in Providence and Newport (locations to be announced). These are community walks. For more information please see the Sierra Club web site (<http://www.sierraclub.org/>).



Conservation week, April 14-18, and Earth Day, April 20 – Roger Williams Park Zoo. Head to the Zoo during school vacation week for a conservation celebration for our "Party for the Planet!" Offering fun for families during school vacation week, this year's Conservation Week will feature environmentally themed education stations, environmental artists and entertainers, animal encounters and much more! The culmination of the Party for the Planet is Earth Day, featuring an environmental fair with representatives from eco-conscious organizations from around the state. Have fun while finding out more about everything from conserving natural habitats nationwide to composting in our own backyard.

Tuesday, April 22, 2 pm to 4 pm – RI IPL (Rhode Island Interfaith Power & Light) is urging all Rhode Island congregations to send a representative to the State House for a lobby for RI Global Warming. More information can be found on their web site: (<http://www.riipl.org/>).

Saturday, April 26, 9 am to 3 pm – The West Warwick Jaycees chapter in Kent County will conduct Earth Day activities at their Jaycee Corridor and Arboretum and the Senator Donald Roch Riverwalk located at Riverpoint Community Park in West Warwick (Rt. 115 W and Rt. 33). Also, the Jaycees will coordinate sites at Arctic Village District and West Bay Bike Path (The Greenway). Refreshments will be available; garden gloves and biodegradable bags will be provided.

THE PICTURE BOOK PROJECT CHILD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As part of my volunteer work with the International Institute of RI, I have developed a screening device to detect potential problems, as well as social strengths, in refugee children. We are trying it out on 10 refugee families this spring.

We also need control groups, that is, children who are not refugees. We need two groups – children with known social, emotional or behavioral problems and children with no such problems.

We would like to ask if you would consider volunteering your children to be part of our control groups. Children should want to volunteer as well. Children need to be between ages 5 and 12, and native English speakers.

The screening takes about an hour. It consists of three parts: A questionnaire for the parent/parents to fill out, a set of drawings and The Picture Book (a story with questions).

All information obtained will be confidential and will be converted to number form. Parents will give written permission in which this is spelled out further.

Children will be compensated for their participation by selecting a small toy from a choice of several possibilities.

If you would be willing to volunteer, please call me, Dee Lovecky or e-mail me and we can arrange time and place. (See your printed Chimes.)

CIRCLE SUPPER

The March 29 Circle Suppers were enjoyed by all so much that I have been asked to plan another this Spring. The most successful Circle Suppers are those that have a designated host posted before participants are asked to sign-up. If you would be interested in hosting a Circle Supper in June (Hosts decide on the date) please e-mail me, Cele Mark. (See your printed Chimes.)

A CIRCLE SUPPER is a shared dinner in someone's home with 6-8 people.

Religious Education News



Lauren Kalian

Religious Education Coordinator
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I Religious Education News

Easter Sunday was beautiful, and filled with lots of anticipation from the children! would like to thank Ginny Ross for sharing her bunnies with us. The children and adults loved them, and they were the highlight of the morning! Thank you also to Rosie Pavlow, who always shares a wonderful story. I also want to thank Laura Evans, the Youth Group, the babysitters, and the students in fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. They all helped to hide the eggs, guided the younger children outside, and collected any additional eggs! A special thank you to parents who helped out in the morning as well with guiding the little ones outside and inside, as well as helping out with the craft table! It was a special morning thanks to all of you!

The "Pick Up Sticks" event after church on March 30th was a huge success! Thank you to Cecile Mark for planning the event and giving the children the opportunity to help their community.. Thank you also to Dan Aubin, Cory Baker, and Carrie Harrington for guiding all the children down to the parsonage and keeping them on task. I also want to give thank all the children who volunteered: Ian, Gwendolyn, Gabrielle, Nicholas, Phebe, Dylan, Cory, Kaile, Ashlyn, and Shylah. You showed an eagerness to help, and did the work in fifteen minutes!!!! I am so proud of all of you!

Please note the schedule for RE:

April 13: Earth Day Service: All RE students start in the Sanctuary for the beginning of the service. They will then go to Fellowship Hall to plant their own food!

April 20: All RE students will be in Fellowship Hall.

April 27: There is one service at 10:00. There will be Sunday School as usual, and all students will be in Fellowship Hall.

Enjoy all the first flowers of spring as they peek out in the upcoming weeks!

Blessed Be!

Lauren

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER & FRIENDS

ALL WOMEN WELCOME

We meet every Thursday evening.

Setup/Meeting: 7:00 to 7:15 PM
Announcements: 7:15 to 7:30 PM
Program: 7:30 to 8:45 PM
Place: Fellowship Hall

Our Mission/Statement of Purpose is to enhance and encourage:

- * Spirituality
- * Support of each other
- * Social Justice
- * Personal Empowerment

April 10 – Healing (Terri Mrozak)

April 17 – Read Across RI Book: **Water for Elephants** by Sara Gruen (Kate)

April 19 – Womensphere Spring Event

April 20 (Sunday) - Seder

ADULT EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee is making plans for next fall's programs. While certain programs are planned, ideas and opinions from members are being sought.

We are looking for suggestions, ideas, and thoughts for programs and workshops.

Can you offer a skill?

Do you have a talent to share?

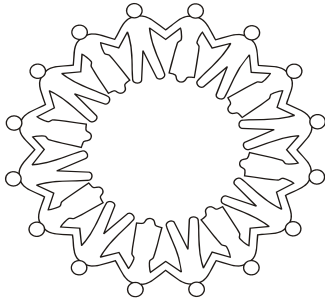
Do you have a suggestion for a discussion series?

Any and all ideas and offers are welcome!

During two Sundays, a sheet seeking these ideas for the programs will be in the Order of Service. These dates are Sunday, April 20 and Sunday, May 4. Also, you can call or talk with a member of the Committee to give us your input to this program planning. The members are SJ Foulkrod, Conrad Kulawas, and Carolin Goldman.

We want to hear from you!

AMONG OURSELVES



It was reported in the Sunday, March 23, Providence Journal's Environmental Journal by Peter B. Lord that **Peggy Sharpe**, along with Trudy Coxe and the Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association, were given Tradition of Excellence awards by the Master Gardener Foundation of Rhode Island, a nonprofit arm of the University of Rhode Island's Master Gardener program.

Peggy was honored for her longtime environmental efforts, which include promoting the establishment of what is now the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation, and her service on the national board of governors of The Nature Conservancy. She also helped from the group's Rhode Island chapter.

The Green Sanctuary Task Force salutes Peggy for her continuing efforts in the environmental fields. It is particularly fitting (and coincidental) that Westminster's Share The Plate April charity is TNCRI's studies of the effect of sea level rise on the Rhode Island coastline.

YOU'RE INVITED TO AN ART SHOW

Margaret Townsend's group, known as "FACE – Fiber Artists on the Cutting Edge," will be exhibiting at the Courthouse Center for the arts, located at 3481 Kingstown Road (Rt. 138) in West Kingston, near the railroad station and across from the Post Office. The CCA phone number is 401-782-1018.

Their opening reception is Friday, April 11 from 5-7pm. The exhibition will continue through May 8 from 10am - 4pm every day except Mondays. Margaret will be gallery-sitting on Saturdays, April 12 and 26.

WINTER SOLDIER FORUM AND POT LUCK ON APRIL 19

In the middle of March, the Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW) presented the world with testimony about their service in Iraq and Afghanistan. Although this event was almost completely ignored by the corporate media, the international press and vital independent media were there to insure that the voices of veterans be heard. Two video journalists from Rhode Island attended and have produced a powerful 75 minute DVD that presents some of the highlights of this remarkable event.

On Saturday, April 19, starting at 3:30 pm sharp, a public forum featuring this DVD will be held at the Round Top Center at Beneficent Church in Providence. For church related events, Beneficent provides a free parking lot adjacent to the church on the corner of Chestnut and Weybosset Streets. Additionally, there is usually good on-street parking nearby.

Scott Ewing, a RI member of IVAW, will provide some background prior to the screening. After the video, there will be time for some formal discussion and Q. and A., but we hope to have supper at approximately six. This is a true pot luck and everyone is encouraged to stay, dine, and socialize in solidarity and fellowship. We have access to a full kitchen so that food can be kept warm or cold as necessary.

This event has been organized by the RI Spring Mobilization Committee. We are sure that the testimony you will hear has been conscientiously vetted for accuracy by the IVAW, but we also offer a caution that this testimony may be shocking and disorienting.

Why "Winter Soldier"? It's an implication from a Thomas Paine quote, "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman." The IVAW is a shining example of courage and patriotism. We can end this war.

EARS FOR LARRY

Several weeks ago during Joys and Sorrows, I expressed my frustration with my recent hearing loss and how supportive Bev has been for me. At the same time, it has been a difficult and trying time for my family. Recently, my hearing has deteriorated and will likely continue to do so. I cannot understand conversations on the phone or in noisy crowds anymore or hear my kids crying or calling me from another room.

Presently, I am waiting for my third Hearing Dog from NEADS/Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans, a non-profit 501c(3) organization. I have had two Hearing Dogs in the past. Nugget, who came to me in 1976, was one of the first Hearing Dogs ever trained in the U.S. and continued working until I graduated from college. My second dog was Keiser, a yellow lab who went to work with me every day and was the 400th dog placed by NEADS. In the thirty-two years since they began, NEADS has trained over 1,000 service dogs.

Many who know me may ask “Why would he need a Hearing Dog now?” I have been severely to profoundly deaf since I was four years old. With hearing aids and lip reading, I have generally done fairly well in following conversations and hearing various sounds. A Hearing Dog will help me with locating sounds such as smoke alarms, alarm clocks, tea kettles, approaching cars and even someone calling my name. Having a Hearing Dog will help me feel safe again knowing I can respond to my children and will also give me my independence in a hearing world. My hearing dog will be with me everywhere I go including church.

At this time, it may be up to a year before a Hearing Dog is placed with me. The true cost of all of this specialized training is approximately \$20,000. I have been asked to assist in raising \$9,500 of this amount. In order to help defray the cost of my hearing dog, we will be having a fundraiser in the fall-date to be announced.

Any money raised in excess of the \$9500.00 will go to NEADS/Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans-Canines for Combat Vets program. This highly successful program has helped our injured combat vets regain independence after serving overseas.

If you can help with fundraising efforts, our silent auction or in any other way-please contact Bev Burgess-. (See your printed Chimes.)

For more information on our fundraiser and service/hearing dogs-please visit our website: www.earsforlarry.com or visit the NEADS website at: www.neads.org

In Faith,
Larry Burgess and Family

JOIN THE CLUB...

The NEW Equal Exchange Coffee Club, that is. Did you know that the coffee and tea you drink at Westminster's coffee hour is Fairly Traded and Organic? Fair Trade provides the means for small farmers to make enough money to support themselves and improve their standard of living. Equal Exchange (our coffee company) is not charity; it simply offers a fair exchange. They can offer us a fair price because they work directly with farming cooperatives and eliminate the middlemen. EE also provides much-needed credit to farmers and encourages ecologically sustainable farming practices which protect the environment, and consumers, from dangerous chemicals.

To provide Fairly Traded and Organic products at coffee hour costs approximately \$15 per week, or \$750 per year. We pay for this with your donations at coffee hour and through the sale of fairly-traded coffee and tea to be used in your homes. For those of you who drink coffee and tea at home every day, the coffee club will offer a discount on the purchase of cases (6 -12oz bags of coffee or 6 boxes of 25 tea bags).

Because Equal Exchange offers a very generous discount to churches, we can offer our club members competitive prices on fairly traded, organic coffee and tea. A case of organic coffee will start at \$37.50, and a case of tea is only \$18. A variety of roasts and flavors are available, as well as cocoa and chocolate bars. Order forms will be mailed out with the Chimes next month.

In summary, if you want to start each day knowing you are supporting economic and environmental sustainability – JOIN THE CLUB. Order forms will be made available every other month and posted on the website.

Your Coffee Club representatives are Isabelle Conrad, Kristen Morelli and Caitlyn Young.

WESTMINSTER CALENDAR

4/10	6:00 PM	New UU History (H)
4/10	6-7 PM	Meditation (CH)
4/10	6:30 PM	RIUUSJ (W)
4/10	7:00 PM	Men's Group (W)
4/10	7:00 PM	Women of Westminster (FH)
4/13	9/11 AM	Worship
4/13	9:00 AM	RE
4/13	7:00 PM	SGM with Tim Schick (W)
4/14	7:00 PM	SGM w Nancy Rieser (CH)
4/14	7:00 PM	SGM with Sue Bollens (W)
4/15	2:00 PM	SGM w John Eastman (W)
4/16	6:00 PM	Green Sanctuary TF (FH)
4/16	6:00 PM	Shawl Ministry (W)
4/16	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CH)
4/16	7:00 PM	SGM with Dick Graefe (FH)
4/17	6:00 PM	New UU History (H)
4/17	6-6:45 PM	Meditation (CH)
4/17	7:00 PM	SGM with Bev Burgess (CH)
4/17	7:00 PM	Women of Westminster (FH)
4/20	9/11 AM	Worship
4/20	9:00 AM	RE
4/21	7:00 PM	Youth Group (W)
4/23	6:00 PM	Buddhist Meditation (FH)
4/23	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (CH)

WESTMINSTER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

April 13

Ushers:	9:00 AM	Deb LaSalle
	11:00 AM	Isabelle Conrad
Flowers:		Ruth McIntosh
Coffee:	9:00 AM	Volunteer needed
	11:00 AM	Self Service

April 20

Ushers:	9:00 AM	Renée Bucklin
	11:00 AM	Volunteer needed
Flowers:		Celia Humphries
Coffee:	9:00 AM	Volunteer needed
	11:00 AM	Self Service

To volunteer, write your name on the schedule in Fellowship Hall, or contact Judy Brown, the Office Administrator.

The Caring Circle is Here to Help You

If you have experienced a setback that has left you or a family member ill, or in need of meals, visits, rides or other help, please contact Nancy Rieser or [Rev. Barbara Fast](#). (See your printed Chimes).

WESTMINSTER CONTACT INFORMATION

Westminster Unitarian Church welcomes all individuals without regard to race, color, physical challenge, sexual orientation, age, or national origin.

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Website:	www.westminsteruu.org
Office Hours	9-1 Monday - Friday



DEADLINE: April 17th
MAILING: April 23rd

PASSOVER SEDER



WHEN: Sunday, April 20, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Gather between 5:30 and 6. We'll start around 6. (**NOTE:** This is second evening Seder not the first evening and starts earlier than usual because folks have school and work the next day.)

SIGN-UP SHEET is in Fellowship Hall. You should sign up so we can plan for seating, nursery care, and provisions. Since this is a cooperative event, we need your help with set-up and clean-up. Please indicate your availability when you sign up.

CONTRIBUTION: \$3/adults, \$1.50/kids - \$5/family limit.

CEREMONY: Recognizing the wide diversity of people who attend this event, we attempt to balance the traditional ceremonies of Passover with a liberal mix of education and fun. The service is in English, lasts 45-60 minutes, and is followed by songs, dinner, and dessert.

DINNER is "organized" potluck. Aside from sign-up items, please be aware that certain foods should NOT be brought: ham, baked goods, like cakes or brownies. If you have a family Passover specialty, we'd love for you to share it with us!

SOUP: Once again, we'll have matzo ball soup. If you can make enough for about 20 people, please contact Donna Poland. (See your printed Chimes.)

If you are still confused or would like some advice, please call or email Jerry Tisser!

To make the occasion more festive (and clean up easier!):

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN HOLIDAY PLATES AND SILVERWARE

Many people bring a paper bag and bring their dishes home for washing. **WE WILL PROVIDE:** tablecloths, napkins, wine goblets, and paper cups, as well as wine and grape juice. Those with young children will want to bring high chairs/booster seats.

GUESTS: Your friends or family are welcome to join us. It's a nice way to introduce someone to the church! Please sign them up and tell them which food to bring. The cost is the same.

SEATING: We can seat 80-90 people. Seating is first come/first serve, so come early if you have a group wanting to sit together. Each table seats 9 or 10.

NURSERY CARE: Nursery care will be provided for infants and toddlers during the service prior to the meal. You must reclaim your child for the meal. We need to know if you are in need of nursery care, so please indicate that on the sign-up sheet.

OTHER CHILDREN: Out of respect for the holiday, please plan to supervise your children for the entire evening.

DRESS for the holidays, as you feel appropriate.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS: Call Jerry Tisser. (See your printed Chimes.) Hope to see you there --- sign up soon!