

In Summer, our services are a mix of lay leaders and guest ministers. Today we welcome:

Ruth Ahlers is a woodwind player and teacher, primarily on saxophones. She moved to Connecticut in 2005 to be with her now-husband Jack Raineault, and has been singing in the UCW choirs ever since. She recently "signed the book."

George Boland and his wife Jen and daughter Lillian are active members for 3 years and are involved in many church activities, particularly when Lillian's fast pitch softball travel team schedule permits it.

Shrutika Sankar grew up in this church. Her ambition is to have a career leveraging her background in Quantitative and Analytical Economics and to be a catalyst for change.

David Smith, a member since 1998, spent years as Youth Group and COA Advisor, along side his lovely wife of 21 years, Maria Mendoza-Smith. He is now chair of the Stewardship Committee. He's still buzzing from 2 days at GA in Providence last weekend!

Jean Sturges, of Fairfield, has been a member for 4 years. Currently she's busy disposing of her husband's extensive antique tool collection and all the other "must-have bargains" found at tag sales and auctions over 20-25 years and now taking up every nook and cranny in the house.

Anela Ten Meer is a native of Curacao, a dancer, teacher, mother of Laurel, married to Marie Pham and co-coordinator our Rainbow Task Force.

John Turmelle joined us with his wife Joanne four years ago. A native of Vermont, he lives in Weston, and previously attended the United Congregational Church in Norwalk.

Gary Williams, TUCW member, born in London in the 60's (although too late to have any fun), lives in Trumbull with a wonderful, growing family - Ellie, Aidan, Yeabsera and Ryan. He helps companies with change events and plays in the ocean with friends.

Sunday, July 13, 10 a.m. *To Make New Again*, led by Rev. Marti Bishop and Martha Constable, with the Bell Choir. We explore the concept of renewal, both personally and for our beloved community in this interim time.

Connecticut Food Bank donations continue. Remember, there are no school lunches in the summer. Groceries, or checks made out to the food bank, may be left in the foyer.

The Unitarian Church in Westport

10 a.m. Sunday worship
July 6, 2014

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: *The Unitarian Church in Westport is a diverse and welcoming religious community, free of creed and dogma, and open to people of all backgrounds and beliefs.*

*We **inspire** and support individual spiritual growth. We **connect** through worship, music, learning, and caring ministries. We **act** in the service of peace and justice.*



Our Affirmation:

*Love is the spirit of this church, and service is its law.
This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love, and to help one another.*

~ James Villa Blake

Guest Speakers: Our friends! see back cover

Pianist: Cameron Phillips

Guest Musicians: Ruth Ahlers, Jack Raineault, Berta Russell

Trustee: Denny Davidoff

Ushers: Jim Cooper, Scott Kadison

This I Believe


There are listening assistive headphones on the back wall of the Sanctuary.
Please silence your phones at this time.

Welcome and announcements Trustee, Denny Davidoff

Prelude Cameron Phillips

Opening words Maria Mendoza-Smith, Worship Associate

Lighting of the chalice Linda Hudson, Worship Associate

Hymn #1008 *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place* by Joyce Poley 

Statement of Affirmation (on the cover of this Order of Service)

Reading Jean Sturges (telling the truth)
Reading George Boland (do it first, the mind will follow)

Candle lighting/Silence A time to briefly share personal joys and concerns. A Pastoral Care Associate will be present at the candle boat after service.

Reading Ruth Ahlers ('gift' of music)
Reading David Smith (need for stillness)

Music #1009 *Meditation on Breathing* led by Ruth, Jack and Berta

Reading Shrutika Sankar (dancing in thunderstorms)
Reading Gary Williams (hands-on service)

Offering *Improvisation* by Ruth, Jack and Berta

Reading John Turmelle (influence of friends)
Reading Arnela Ten Meer (second chances, at love)

Closing Words/ Extinguishing the Chalice Maria

Closing Song *I'm a Believer* by Neil Diamond, via the Monkees

I thought love was only true in fairy tales
Meant for someone else but not for me.
Love was out to get me
That's the way it seemed.
Disappointment haunted all my dreams.

Then I saw her face, now I'm a believer
Not a trace of doubt in my mind.
I'm in love, I'm a believer!
I couldn't leave her if I tried.

I thought love was more or less a given thing,
Seems the more I gave the less I got.
What's the use in tryin'?
All you get is pain.
When I needed sunshine I got rain.

Then I saw her face, now I'm a believer
Not a trace of doubt in my mind.
I'm in love, I'm a believer!
I couldn't leave her if I tried.

WELCOME! We're glad you're here this morning. If this is one of your first visits with us, please stop to talk with our greeters, wearing yellow ribbons on their nametags. They are happy to answer any questions you have.. Please join us after the service for refreshment and conversation in the foyer. More information about this church and our programs can be found at www.uuwestport.org. There is supervised **childcare** downstairs and on the playground, and if you or your children get restless, there are speakers in the foyer where you can hear the service.

With Appreciation to Ruth, Berta and Jack for today's music.

If you, or your Neighborhood Circle, or Small Group would like to bring **refreshments** once this summer, add your name to the **sign-up sheet** on the bulletin board.
