

SJMT Member Highlight



Meet Alison Snyder. Alison, a UUSGU member since 1988, co-leads a small group ministry at Crescent Manor the first Wednesday of every month.

Working alongside UUSGU member Donna Trainor, this work extends our church ministry into the Grafton community.

Crescent Manor is a residential care facility for people in need of daily assistance, including some residents with special needs. Allison and Donna lead a worship circle following the same monthly themes as the church. The circle includes an opening, readings, sharing, and socializing.

Alison reports that this outreach satisfies a hunger for something spiritual in the lives of the residents, who feel a real connection to our church. For Alison, Wednesdays at Crescent Manor bring love, surprise, connection and simply “feeling really good.”

UUSGU supports an underwear and sock drive for Crescent Manor residents in December, when we also go after church one Sunday to sing Christmas carols.



How can you get involved:

Contact Alison or Donna to join the worship circle. Offer rides to residents. Help with the sock drive and caroling. Give to December's *Share the Plate*, for Crescent Manor.

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... the shape of justice

the monthly digest of the Social Justice Ministry Team

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Vision Statement:

*We are a joyful and diverse community
dancing in solidarity
towards collective liberation, justice, and love*



UUSGU marches in Worcester Pride parade

2018-2019 Community Focus:

Racial Inequality

Next meeting, Sunday November 4th
11:40-1:00pm in the Parlor

November 2018 Share the Plate goes to:
Worcester LGBT Asylum Task Force

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Asylum Task Force is a ministry of Hadwen Park Church and a community-based organization dedicated to supporting and empowering LGBTQI individuals who are seeking asylum in the United States.

You can also help by volunteering to serve supper during LGBT Asylum Task Force gatherings on second Mondays at Hadwen Park Church in Worcester. UUSGU organizes to do this 1-2 times per year.



Our Community Work

Grafton Food Bank

UUSGU contact – Dolores Charon
dcharron4@msn.com
508-839-2064
Location: Grafton
Need: Food Donations

Crescent Manor Rest Home

UUSGU Contact: Alison Snyder
Donna Trainor
alisonsnyder@gmail.com
(508) 479-5283
Location: Grafton
Need: Worship Circle 1st Wed.

LGBT Asylum Task Force

UUSGU Contact: Becky Shearman
Becky.shearman@gmail.com
508-422-6347
Location: Worcester
Need: Help with pot lucks second Monday of the month

Milford Community Supper

UUSGU Contact: Patty Byler
pbyl@aol.com 774-287-3389
Location: Milford
Need: Volunteers to serve dinner on Sundays

Excerpt from our latest reading:

White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack

by Peggy McIntosh

... As a white person, I realized I had been taught about racism as something that puts others at a disadvantage, but had been taught not to see one of its corollary aspects, white privilege, which puts me at an advantage ...

So I have begun in an untutored way to ask what it is like to have white privilege. I have come to see white privilege as an invisible package of unearned assets that I can count on cashing in each day, but about which I was “meant” to remain oblivious ... like an invisible knapsack of special provisions, maps, passports, codebooks, visas, clothes, tools and blank checks ...

1. I can, if I wish, arrange to be in the company of people of my race.
2. If I should need to move, I can be pretty sure of renting or purchasing housing in an area which I can afford and in which I would want to live.
3. I can be pretty sure that my neighbors will be neutral or pleasant to me
49. My children are given texts and classes which implicitly support our kind of family unit and do not turn them against my choices.
50. I will feel welcomed and "normal" in the usual walks of public life. ...

Full text: <http://www.racialequitytools.org/resourcefiles/mcintosh.pdf>

Join us for a 30 minute discussion of this reading

At the next SJMT meeting, Sunday, November 4, 11:40 in the parlor.



Social Justice by the Numbers

September Share the Plate:
Worcester Pride
\$528

Our Share the Plate makes a difference