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October 2011

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From Our Minister



Dear Whidbey Friends,

Tell me what you think of an idea I've had. Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year, which means that our regular worship service time may be right in the middle of family gift and brunch time. I am in charge of that service and would like to make it a time when we could come together in a relaxed and festive way without impinging too much on family celebrations.

At the same time, there are doubtless folks in our midst (like me, for example) who are too far away from family to celebrate with them and would appreciate a holiday spent with others.

What if we invited the Quaker congregation to join us for a Christmas dinner and brief worship service in the middle of the day? If we did this, would you be willing to help with dinner preparations? It would require folks willing to bring food and help set up and clean up.

Or would you prefer to have a worship service as usual at 10 a.m. that Sunday, perhaps with a less-formal approach than we usually have?

Please call or email me or snag me at a gathering to let me know what you think.

Much love,
Kit

Calendar Listings

Oct. 2: "The Trance of Scarcity"

Speaker: Victoria Castle

In a world where "not enough-ness" is the urgent global message, hunkering down for dark times looks like the right strategy yet it is the direct route to true impoverishment! A trance is a semi-conscious state, a daze, a predisposition: under its

spell we accept what we're told without question. What are the consequences of our continually telling ourselves we haven't "enough", we aren't "enough", there's not "enough"? What else might we think?

Victoria is an island neighbor, author of the book *The Trance of Scarcity*, a national speaker, corporate consultant, somatics coach, and a member of the local Improv troupe Comedy Island. She considers herself a Positive Deviant and invites others to join her. Her trademark blend of rigorous practicality and irreverent humor will surely challenge our assumptions about what we can achieve individually and as a congregation.

Worship Leader: Terra Anderson

Oct. 9: "Association Sunday"

Speaker: Rev. Peter Luton

Unitarian Universalists come together on this annual Sunday to affirm our common bonds and purposes, and this year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the merger of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America. We come together this year to honor the past and grow our faith into the future. Rev. Peter Luton of Eastshore Unitarian Church in Bellevue will speak.

Worship Leader: Rev. Kit Ketcham

Oct 12, 7:30 pm: EvenSong: "Grace"

On the second Wednesday of each month UUCWI holds a contemplative candlelight evening gathering of readings, song, and meditation. All are welcome.

A comment by M H after attending her first EvenSong in September:

"... I was very pleasantly surprised. What I valued most was the calming, quiet quality ... the moments of silence were particularly nurturing ... The harp is beautiful and soothing. The readings, silence, and singing, all contributed to the quality of the service. ... I was delighted at the contemplative nature of the service and loved it!"

Oct. 16: "Why Religious Education Matters"

Speaker: Rev. Kit Ketcham

We often think of religious education as something

we provide to our children, but it is far more than that. Some of the current religious disagreements around the world are based on inadequate religious education and misunderstanding of the basic tenets of religious faiths.

Worship Leader: Toyon Copeland

Oct. 23: "My Heretic Heart: A UU thinks about God"

Speaker: Rev. Kit Ketcham

Unitarian Universalists define the idea of God in much different terms than many religious faiths. As part of her series on "Top Ten Things About Unitarian Universalism", Rev. Kit Ketcham will reflect on her ways of thinking about the Divine.

Worship Leader: Dave Cauffman

Oct. 30: "Sing, Sing, Sing! The Wellspring of Joy"

Speaker: Peggy Taylor

Did you know that over 47 million Americans sing regularly in choirs? It's the most commonly practiced form of creative expression—by far. And it's no wonder. Our moods rise, our blood pressure goes down, we feel more connected to one another, and we experience a natural high.

Peggy Taylor, founder and co-director of the Open Circle Community Choir will share surprising insights about the healing effects of Vitamin H (harmony), including, among other things, increased participation in civic life. With members of the Open Circle Community Choir on hand, she will invite the entire congregation to join in singing to experience the benefits first hand.

Worship Leader: Gladys Howard

Oct. 2, noonish: South End Lunch Bunch

at China City in Freeland. We meet around noonish (the table is reserved from 11:45 on), order family style and split the cost. It's a great bunch of folks and lots of fun. Newcomers are welcome!

Oct. 6, 7pm: Book Group

The book discussion group will discuss the classic *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Most of us read this book many years ago but will find it interesting as well as enjoyable to look once again at this book in the light

of the years and events since the book was originally published. Copies are available at the public library in both print and audio format.

Our book discussion will take place at UUCWI on Thursday October 6th at 7 p.m. We will follow-up our discussion with a showing of the classic film on Friday evening beginning at 7pm at the home of Mary Goolsby. Please let us know if you will be joining us.

Oct. 8, 1-3pm: North End Koffee Klatch

at Whidbey General Hospital's cafeteria. Good food, good coffee, fabulous conversation! All are welcome.

Oct. 20, noonish: South End Koffee Klatch

at Living Green in Langley. Great vegan/vegetarian food, terrific conversation. We snare the big table in the center if we can and welcome all.

Oct. 22, 4 pm Memorial Service for Malcom Ferrier

Oct. 23, 6pm: North End Dine Out

at a north end restaurant yet to be selected. We've gotten peripatetic in our dining options and could go anywhere on the north end. If you have a suggestion, you're welcome to call or email Kit (331-2163, kitketcham@comcast.net). If you're not on the North End email list and want to be, let Kit know.

Oct. 28 & 29, 7pm: Chamber Music Recital

This concert features Gloria Ferry-Brennan, Violin, James Hinkley, 'Cello, and Eileen Soskin, Harpsichord and Piano. Christopher Harshman, Bassoon is the special guest artist at the Saturday concert. Music of Bach, Halvorsen, Beethoven and Arensky. Tickets at the door are \$15/\$10 seniors and youth. This is a benefit concert for UUCWI.



From Our President



Searching for a New Minister

Rev. Kit Ketcham recently announced that she will retire from serving as our minister as of June 30, 2012. The first step towards finding a new minister was taken on September 13 when the Pacific Northwest District Executive, Janine Larsen, met with the UUCWI Board and briefed us on the Board's responsibilities in the process. In this column I will lay out in more detail our plans and schedule.

The Board of Trustees is unanimous in its belief that we do want continued professional ministry at UUCWI. We believe that we should seek a "Consulting Minister", also denoted as a "contract" (annually renewable, although assumed ongoing) minister, similar to the arrangement we have with Rev. Ketcham, consistent with our bylaws.

We have been fortunate and blessed, and not a little spoiled, by Kit's unusually long 9-year tenure; the average length of stay for part-time contract ministers is only a few years. The choice to again pursue contract ministry, which either party may annually choose not to renew, is a choice not to opt for an "interim" minister who would definitely not stay beyond their contracted time. As there is time to do the search process properly, we would hope to attract someone who would like to stay longer.

Our budget is an important factor limiting the amount of ministry we can afford. Our income is determined primarily by our pledges and by our fundraisers, the largest of which is the annual auction. We have lost a number of generous donors recently, and so must find ways to replace this support. You are a generous and growing congregation, and the board believes that you will both support the auction November 5 and respond to the canvass in the spring with the kind

of outpouring of support that will dependably sustain a half-time ministry position. Please plan on this.

Janine believes that we are likely to attract 4 to 8 qualified applicants, most from the local area; however, we shall post the position nationally. We need to manage our expectations, realizing that our choice will be to determine who among these applicants best fits our needs. It is useful to spend some effort determining our priorities for the use of the minister's time, but not helpful to try to profile the perfect candidate.

The table below sets out a schedule for our ministerial search. A Search Committee will perform the bulk of the work. With membership proposed by the Board, the Search Committee will be elected by the congregation by year-end 2011. Our objective is to select a new minister by the end of May or early June, in order to have a new person in the pulpit in August or September 2012. The schedule is also consistent with the desire to have congregational approval before members disperse for summer travel.

<i>Oct. - Nov. 2011</i>	<i>Submission of applications for Search Committee Service</i>
<i>Nov. 6</i>	<i>Information/discussion session</i>
<i>Dec. 4</i>	<i>Search Committee election</i>
<i>Jan. 2012</i>	<i>Search Committee orientation, discussion of priorities, and packet preparation.</i>
<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Complete packet and website. Post position.</i>
<i>Mar. - Apr.</i>	<i>Packet exchanging, interviewing, and candidate downselection by Search Com.</i>
<i>May 3-6</i>	<i>Candidating weekend, congregational meeting for approval, contract signing, and selection announcement</i>
<i>Jun. 24</i>	<i>Farewell ceremonies honoring Kit's ministry</i>
<i>Aug - Sept</i>	<i>Welcome new minister</i>

Most of the deliberations of the Search Committee will be private, both to protect the integrity of the process and to protect the confidentiality of applicants, who do not wish to inform the congregations they presently serve that they are looking at alternatives. Therefore, do not expect to receive

other than very general progress reports. The Search Committee will identify and get to know the top qualified candidates and will narrow the set of candidates to one. That person will be invited to preach here on a "candidating weekend" and you will have opportunities to meet her or him and to vote on the Search Committee's recommendation that we offer the position to the candidate.

If you are interested in serving on the Search Committee, have been a member of UUCWI for at least a year, and are available January-June, 2012, you are invited to apply for membership on the committee using the form included in this newsletter or on-line at: <http://www.whidbey.com/uucwi/Application%20For%20Search%20Committee.html> If you know someone you believe should be on the committee, encourage him or her to apply. Knowledge of this congregation's history and uniqueness and a record of personal involvement are strongly preferred. A broadly representative committee will be formed. An online resource that may be helpful to understand Consulting Ministry can be found at: http://library.pnwd.org/documents/consultmin_handbook.pdf.

You are welcome to contact me with questions and opinions about our Search Committee or process, and there will be an opportunity after the service on November 6 to do that collectively. Once the Search Committee is formed, the names of the members will be announced and there will be further opportunities for input.

Dave Cauffman

Announcements

Auction Corner

Auction 2011 – the Roaring 20s - is Coming Soon

"Baja on the Beach" at Brighton Beach, with margaritas, fish tacos and fresh crab, along with all the fixings – sound yummy? How about "Great Gatsby Party," featuring period costumes and music? Or maybe enjoying a vacation at a secluded cabin in scenic New Hampshire? These are just three of the numerous items sold at UUCWI's 2010 auction last November

and enjoyed by our members during the past year.

Auction 2011 is happening Saturday, November 5, beginning at 4:30pm. The auction theme this year is "The Roaring 20s." Auctioneer extraordinaire Ken Merrill will again provide his services. His expertise is a great asset to our congregation, doing an excellent job and saving us the expense of hiring a professional auctioneer.

The Auction Committee, chaired by Libby Roberts, is meeting regularly, and preparations are well underway for a fabulous auction. Let Libby know libbyroberts@broadstripe.net if you would like to help with the auction.

The Auction is an extremely important fundraiser for UUCWI, as well as a really fun party to be enjoyed by members and friends. High value contributions from our members and friends are a critical part of this fundraising effort. Auction 2010 raised \$10,000 for the congregation, a very significant contribution to our budget. Our goal for Auction 2011 is to raise \$12,000, an optimistic, but certainly possible goal.

Please consider what skills you can offer to this effort. Auction donation forms will be available at the Auction table in the foyer each Sunday after church and may also be downloaded from the UUCWI web site.

Tickets for the Roaring 20s Auction will also be available at the Auction table in the foyer each Sunday. Advance ticket prices this year are \$20 per person, including an allowance of \$10 credit toward your first purchase at the auction. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$25 per person. Be sure to purchase your tickets early.

The Roaring 20s auction will be structured a bit differently from past auctions because of the growth in the number of items offered and the length of the expanded auction. The silent and live auction will be separate. The silent auction will begin at 4:30pm, and the live auction will be much shorter than in the past and begin at 6:30pm. The silent auction will close before the live auction begins. Nutritious and delicious hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served throughout the evening. The auction will end around 8:30pm.

WA UU Voices For Justice Legislative Conference

Join UUs from across the state at WA State UU Voices for Justice's 6th Legislative Conference Saturday, November 12th, 9:30 am-3pm, at East Shore Unitarian Church, Bellevue.

Driven by the state's budget crisis, this year's

agenda will focus on the need to preserve critical state services through equitable revenue policies. Speakers will address important social and environmental issues that will come before the 2012 Legislature, and offer ideas for effective ways to bring UU values of justice and equity to our legislators.

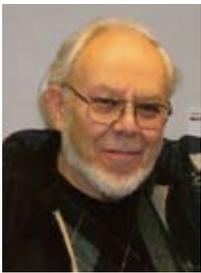
For Legislative Conference updates and other information on bringing our values into the public square, subscribe to the WA UU Voices newsletter at www.uuvoiceswa.org or contact UU Voices Coordinator Carol McKinley, coordinator@uuvoiceswa.org.

Peace Activities

The Whidbey peace group meets every Saturday at Bayview Park & Ride from 10-11 am. Come join our friendly, interesting group.

Women in Black, a nation-wide organization, meets the 1st Friday of each month just south of the Bayview Park & Ride on the grass. We display the sign "Women in Black Standing for Peace" from 4-5.
Barb Hutton

Board Member Biography



Mark Brown, Treasurer

Mark was ordained an Episcopal Priest in 1969, and served for 4 years as a member of an ecumenical Campus Ministry team at CWU in Ellensburg. He also served as vicar of two small churches in Roslyn and Cle Elum. He spent most of his working life in the grocery business in Seattle, owning a small neighborhood store about 3 blocks from the local community church where he and Effie were active for 20 years.

He and his wife Effie have attended UUCWI for over ten years and officially joined the congregation approximately four years ago. Mark is now a member of our Board and of the Committee on Ministry.

Committee News

Choir News

There are new choral options at UUCWI this year! Our "old choir" has morphed into **A Joyful Noise**, practicing a couple of times each month at 8:45 am before services and then singing at one service each month. Those interested in leading the group can select a month to be "choir director" and pick the music (simple pieces that can be learned in a couple of short rehearsals). All voices, including young folk, are welcome to sing any months they are available. Frank Allen will lead **A Joyful Noise** in October (practicing on the 16th and 23rd). Linda Good will lead in November. If you would like to lead **A Joyful Noise** contact Linda Good or Mavis Cauffman to see what months are available. If you would like to sing, contact whoever is the designated monthly director early in the month.

A new choir, **The Chalice Singers**, led by Mavis Cauffman, will meet regularly on Monday evenings from 7 – 8:30 pm either at UUCWI or at a private home. This choir will sing somewhat more challenging pieces and have no set performance schedule. When pieces are ready, we will offer to be available for special music. We'll work on vocal and choral technique and develop a cohesive group of singers who have a great time singing together and presenting beautiful pieces to the congregation. Participants will make attendance at rehearsals a priority. **The Chalice Singers** are scheduled to sing at the December 18 service, with other singing dates to be determined as we are ready. Contact Mavis if you have questions or would like to join **The Chalice Singers**.
Mavis Cauffman, Music Director

Art Gallery News

Michelle Schmidtke is featured in our Gallery through October. Cultural images from her travel in Thailand, Bhutan and Peru are captured in vivid color. Michelle, photographer, writer and veterinarian, willingly carries an extra eight pounds of photographic equipment in a backpack up a steep mountain trail or on horseback for that one great shot. Look for the photograph of the stately rooster who replicates the colors of the temple in the background. In her photography Michelle advocates for improving our relationship with the natural world.

In Memoriam

**Malcom Ferrier
September 6, 2011**

Malcolm David Ferrier died peacefully at home on September 6, 2011. He was surrounded by family and friends. He was 80 years old.

Malcolm devoted much energy to UUCWI. He helped to found the congregation. He promoted environmentally sound building practices in the construction of our meeting house. He wrote a history of the congregation, served on the task force which created the science and ethics series Lyceum 2.0, participated in services, among many other contributions.

Malcolm had an active and productive career in science, technical writing, publishing, and digital data management before retiring to Whidbey Island in the mid 1990s. He worked for Atomic Energy of Canada, American Nuclear Society, RR Donnelly, Encyclopedia Britannica, and Mitchell International, among other entities.

He volunteered for many progressive organizations and church organizations. He served as a math and science tutor in public schools on the island and as a golf instructor for the South Whidbey Parks & Recreation District. He founded Keepers of the Game to ensure the continuation of the gentlemanly traditions of golf.

Malcolm was born in India in 1930 to Scottish parents. From age 6 he attended boarding school in his parents' homeland until he was evacuated to Canada during WWII. Upon returning to Scotland, he attended Dollar Academy and then the University of St. Andrews, where he earned degrees in chemistry and geology. It was at the university that he met Wendy Gates with whom he was married for 57 years.

Malcolm was a gifted athlete, speaker, and performer. He played rugby in his youth and competed in golf and tennis throughout his adult life. He enjoyed and taught Scottish County dancing in Illinois and California. He was a vocal participant in local social issues such as land-use, preservation, green building and other environmental causes on Whidbey. He helped form Philodox discussion group and was known in his intellectual and social circles for his direct manner and eccentric and occasionally ribald sense of humor.

Malcolm is survived by Wendy and his sons Neil, Fergus, Andrew, and Grant. A memorial service will be held at UUCWI on October 22 at 4 pm. In lieu of flowers, his family requests that donations be made in his name to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, to Hearts and Hammers, or to Keepers of the Game.



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