



# Island Passages

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## July 2011

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17 <b>10 am Service:</b> "The Dances of Universal Peace"	18	19	20 10 am Mens' Group	21 Noonish South End Koffee Klatch	22	23
24 <b>10 am Service:</b> "Poetry and Spirituality" 6pm North End Dine Out	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 <b>10 am Service:</b> "UU Playreading"						

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## From Our Minister



Dear Whidbey Friends,

I'll be on vacation during the month of July and will be off-island for several days, but I'll probably pop in at worship occasionally, just to say hello. I'll be available for emergencies, if necessary, but other congregation business will have to wait till August.

I've put all the regular NEKK/SEKK/NEDO/SELB activities on the calendar but won't attend them. I'll miss you all but will return refreshed and recharged on August 1, ready to jump back into our new congregational year together.

My plans include attending the annual gathering of a social group I've belonged to for many years, down in Portland, and a camping trip to the Olympic Peninsula and the Oregon Coast. I may get a chance to head for Moses Lake to see my family and bake myself a little after our chilly wet spring.

I hope your summer activities are restful and a lot of fun. Remember that our summer worship services are experiential and extremely varied, with child care for those under 5 years. Parents with older children are invited to bring quiet activities to engage their kids during the service, such as books and puzzles.

See you in August! And probably also occasionally in July!

Much love,  
Kit



## Calender Listings

### July 3: "Singing the Seven Principles"

Unitarian Universalists base their beliefs on a set of seven principles rather than on creeds. This Sunday, seven members of the congregation will be introducing each principle and sharing a relevant song or hymn. Expect a joyous sing-along and celebration of our faith.

*Worship Leader: Ken Merrell*

### July 10: "Soap Box Sunday"

UUCWI's annual Soap Box Sunday will feature four speakers from our congregation - each giving a brief rant or rave about a topic of their choice: Libby Roberts (Who's Responsible for Kids' Performances in Schools?); Dallas Huth (Green Burials); Ken and/or Nydia Stephens (Childrens' Books that Make Adults Cry); and Gary Piazzon (An Environmental Issue).

### July 13, 7:30: EvenSong "Forgiveness"

Our monthly evening service of readings, meditation, and song.

### July 17: "The Dances of Universal Peace"

These dances were envisioned by founder Mursid Samual Lewis as a context creating conditions that might allow people to have a direct experience of the sacred, without doctrine or dogma. By dancing, we encourage world peace by actively honoring diversity; promote local peace by dancing in community; practice personal peace by immersing ourselves in simple sacred phrases and movements inspired by the world's spiritual traditions. Hopefully, we catch a glimpse of the one truth where the world's sacred paths converge. If you would like to open your heart, pray with your body and blend your voice with friends, please join us. Children are welcome! Come dance and sing with Bob, Gaea, Linda, Lisa & Michael of the Whidbey Dance Team. For more information about the Dances of Universal Peace, visit [www.whidbeydup.com](http://www.whidbeydup.com).

*Worship Leader: Effie Brown*

**July 24: "Poetry and Spirituality"**

We will hear from Judith Adams, a published poet who lives among us on Whidbey Island. She suggests that "poetry accesses what we forfeit for daily living with routine agenda. It wakes us to our original intention, to who we are and with compassion helps us dance rather than plod, for it brings alive the music of the soul that connects us to our humanity, yearning, and to what is invisible."

*Worship Leader: Mary Goolsby*

**July 31: "UU Playreading"**

Our service this Sunday will feature a reading of a play written by UU Reverend Amanda Aikman. She has written 15 short plays – mostly comedies – produced in the Seattle area since 2002. She tackles a variety of topics, from the existence of God, to UU's tricky relationship with Christianity.

We are still in the process of selecting which play to present, so check the Friday emails or Sunday announcements for updates. We may need some willing readers to perform — any closet thespians out there? If so, please contact Sandy Welch at 579-1577 or sandy.welch3@gmail.com.

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**July 3, Noonish: South End Lunch Bunch**

at China City, Freeland. We'll try for the big table in the back of the dining room, order several dishes, and split the cost. All are welcome and encouraged to come, especially new folks! (Kit will be on vacation, so there will be a different host.)

**July 9, 1-3 pm: North End Koffee Klatch**

at Whidbey General cafeteria. Great food, good coffee, fabulous company! All are welcome and encouraged to come, new folks and longtimers alike. (Kit will be on vacation, but NEKK will still meet.)

**July 21, Noonish: South End Koffee Klatch**

at Living Green in Langley. Great vegan and vegetarian food, wonderful company, lots of good conversation. All encouraged to come! (Kit will be on vacation, but SEKK will still meet.)

**July 24, 6 pm: North End Dine Out**

at Zorba's in Oak Harbor. Terrific, plentiful Mediterranean food, excellent company, lots of laughs. All welcome and encouraged to join in. (Kit will be on vacation, but NEDO will still meet.)

**Announcements**

**WISH Aid 3 To Be Held At UUCWI**

Last year's WISH Aid concert and silent auction fundraiser was held at an outdoor venue during a heavy downpour. Needless to say, it was a wash-out! Literally! So this year, as a new member of the WISH (Whidbey Island Share a Home) board, I suggested our space as both an outdoor venue and Plan B, in case of rainy weather.

The fundraiser on August 6 will feature Janie and Joe, local rock stars extraordinaire, plus several other local bands including my band Bayview Sound and the Cranberry Bog Bluegrass Band with Ken Merrell and Dave Sweetwood.

It promises to be a great day, beginning at 11 a.m. and concluding at 5 p.m. There will be a bar-beque stand and other refreshments, a silent auction tent, and WISH memorabilia for sale. It's a free day of music but donations and WISH memberships will be appreciated.

It will be a WISH-FULL weekend, as Sunday morning's service will be focused on the problem of homelessness on Whidbey Island, with Doris Newkirk, WISH director, as our speaker. We will take up a special offering for WISH that morning as well. UUCWI is a longtime supporter of Whidbey Island Share a Home and have had both homeowners and tenants as part of our congregation.

*Rev. Kit Ketcham*

**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*

## From Our President



### The Joy of Serving

When people first come through our doors, they are usually looking for something. Some sense that their lives are incomplete; others need solace or companionship during a rough spot in their lives or an affirmation of the existence of a kinder, gentler world than is evident from talk shows and television news. Some are in retreat from dogma they can't honestly affirm, and others are active hikers on steep spiritual paths. Regardless, they inevitably evaluate their experience with us to see if it is memorable and meaningful to them.

It is a real strength of this congregation that many who survive this test and become members move beyond the consumer metaphor. They ask themselves, "How can I make someone else's church experience memorable and meaningful?" They're the ones who introduce themselves to newcomers and learn something about them, remembering their names the next week, and helping them get involved. This sense of personal ministry and service enriches everyone's experience.

Albert Schweitzer said: "The only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve."

What I want is for us all to be truly happy.  
Dave Cauffman, Board President



**UUCWI Board 2011-12**

### Board Report

The board that was elected June 5 has met and selected Sara Heath as board secretary. The board has also, as the congregation authorized, rationalized the ending dates of the terms of board members as follows. Note that all current board members are eligible for an additional term.

Name	Office	Term Began	Term Ends
Dave Cauffman	President	2011	2012
Terra Anderson	Vice President	2011	2014
Mark Brown	Treasurer	2009	2012
Sara Heath	Secretary	2011	2014
Dallas Huth	Member	2010	2013
Janis Hummel	Member	2010	2013
Ken Merrell	Member	2011	2014

The board also confirmed and approved the following committee chairs and key leadership positions for the coming year. Several positions remain to be filled, including the chair for the religious education committee.

Responsibility	Leader
Administrator	Mavis Cauffman
Adult Programs	Janis Hummel
Auction Chair	Libby Roberts
Buildings & Grounds	Dave Sweetwood
Caring Connections	Judy Kaplan
Chaplain	Sally Elder
Communications	Mavis Cauffman

Responsibility	Leader
Finance Consultant	Tom Buxton
Historian/Archivist	Dan Anderson/Malcolm Ferrier
Kitchen	May-Britt Kron
Landscape	Frances Wood
Leadership Council	Libby Roberts
Membership	John Long
Minister	Rev. Kit Ketcham
Ministry	Mark Brown
Music	Frank Allen
Music Director	Linda Good
Newsletter Editor	Celia Bartram
Religious Education Director	Vanessa Kohlhaas
Social Responsibility	Peggy Bardarson
Sound System	Ken Merrell
Stewardship	Lois Chowen
Visual Arts	Joan Gerteis
Webmaster	Dean Enell
Worship	Toyan Copeland

## Art Gallery News

The featured artist in our foyer gallery during the months of July and August will be Kris Wiltse, a Whidbey Island artist and illustrator who is best known in the Puget Sound region for her interpretive signs of marine life, birds, flora and history. This exhibit will feature her watercolors and block prints. Kris has won numerous awards for her work.

### *Annual UUCWI Meeting, June 2011*



## Committee News

### Adult Programs Committee

The Adult Programs Committee is busy making plans for new and ongoing Adult Programs Activities for the fall. Our current 'Adult Programs' brochures are available in the church lobby and an updated version will be available in September.

UUCWI Adult Programs help individual members and friends of our congregation connect more deeply with one another and help newcomers integrate more fully into the congregation. Each of us has chosen to affiliate with UUCWI for many different reasons. Some of us seek spiritual intimacy and growth; some of us simply hope to find the warmth of community with others who affirm and promote the seven guiding principles of Unitarian Universalism. Adult programs provide an opportunity to meet individual goals and needs around a shared interest. Current activities are listed in the Church Bulletin, Friday News and in the Newsletter.

Any ideas/suggestions/comments regarding Adult Programs are welcome. Please email Janis Hummel at: [jhummel50@yahoo.com](mailto:jhummel50@yahoo.com).



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**UUCWI 2011 - 2012 Board of Trustees**

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Janis Hummel, Trustee

Dallas Huth, Trustee

Ken Merrell, Trustee

If you wish to contact any of the Board members,  
call UUCWI voice mail at 360-321-8656.

**Minister:** Rev. Kit Ketcham 360-331-2163

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Our minister and chaplain are available for rites  
of passage ceremonies (including ceremonies of  
commitment or union) and pastoral visits.

Director of Religious Education: Vanessa Kohlhaas

**Newsletter Information:**

News, announcements, events, and other items  
concerning the UUCWI Congregation or the UU  
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Celia Bartram: [celia@bartramrecorders.com](mailto:celia@bartramrecorders.com)

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