

UUCWI: 2017-18 Worship Calendar

As of: Dec 28, 2017

Color coding: **Dennis;** **Inhouse;** **Other guest speakers;** **UU Ministers** **Remember to schedule Nola and Eileen as Special Musicians!!**

July Theme: Roots and Wings – UU History and sources for our personal spiritual journeys											
Dedicated Offering: Snohomish tribe youth leadership program											
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accomp	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S	DO	count
July 2	Hymn Sing	Linda & Jane	Song: All God's Critters	How Do You Know?, 214, 89, 94, 318, 346, 413, 1014, 1028	Nola	Dan Anderson	Tom	Terra	3 people/ 4 min		47
Description: Hymn Sing – based upon our sources - Have you ever noticed how much our congregation loves music? Have you observed the smiles when we sing <i>Spirit of Life</i> or other familiar tunes? Or perhaps you have caught yourself tapping your toes or even clapping in time to the frolicking music of a guest musician? Our July 2nd service is our almost-annual Hymn Sing, an opportunity to sing some of your favorite hymns and focus on their message and meaning. Also relevant is that twenty-five years ago a small group of visionaries began to imagine a liberal religious presence on the island. Initially meeting in various living rooms, they eventually organized and hosted the first formal UU service in March of 1993. We will formally celebrate that anniversary next March, but in the mean time Linda Good has selected hymns that have been favorites over those 25 years.											
July 9	Rev Dennis	Gladys		38, 318, 1014	Nola	Nola	Conrad	Terra	N/A 11:04	\$550	62
Description: <u>Being a Unitarian Universalist in These Times</u> Whether we are UUs by birthright or by choice, our liberal religion and our communities can offer safe harbor in stormy times. This tradition and our values also call for us to sail into the storm: to stand up, and to speak out. In the midst of current tempests, the Unitarian Universalist Association has been trying to navigate through the squall that has risen up from questions about the depth of our true commitment to justice and full inclusion. In such times, if and how might our liberal faith comfort us, guide us, and inspire us? Messages from the recently completed 2017 General Assembly can help us in addressing such perplexing questions.											
Jul 16	Swil Kanim	Effie	Swil	318, 347, 1008	Nola	Swil	Dave	Terra	6/7 11:05		76
Description: <u>"Truth: A Navigational Perspective"</u> Swil Kanim, a member of the Lummi Tribe, is a classically trained violinist, engaging native storyteller, and a passionate advocate for honor among all peoples. Aware of the challenges of this time, Swil Kanim will weave his original compositions and native storytelling into his reflections about the importance of recognizing the lessons of the past and acknowledging the possibilities of our future.											
Jul 23	Sandy Welch	Sandy/ Eileen/ Quynn	Tolstoy's 3 Questions	188, 352, 388, 396	Mavis	Mavis	Tom	Terra	6/6 11:05		66
Description: <u>"Why Mindfulness?"</u> Sounds simple, so why is everybody talking about the benefits of mindfulness? Is it possible to retrain our brains to experience increased satisfaction, less stress, deeper connections, and more warmth and kindness—to ourselves and others. We'll explore this trending discipline and its potential to unleash our natural curiosity and find a focused stillness within the workings of the mind.											
Jul 30	Jeanne Strong	Becky		123, 208, 389	Tommie	Tommie/Claudia	Dave	Terra	7/5 11:05		61
Description: <u>Quaker Spiritual Practice</u> Have you ever wondered what happens in a Quaker Meeting? Or why they are called 'Quakers' or 'Friends'? Jeanne Strong will speak of her experience as a Quaker, and how she came to embrace some of the beliefs, practices and values of this faith tradition.											

August Theme: Continuing our Roots and Wings – UU History and sources for our personal spiritual journeys											
Dedicated Offering: Sound Water Stewards											
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accomp	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S/ end time	DO	Count
Aug 6	Taves Sermon	Mavis & Dave	Weaving Bridges	121, 360, 1008, 1023	Tommie	Tommie	Tom	Terra	6/6/ 10:59		59
Description: Our Theological House How much do we know about our own Unitarian Universalist history? Is there a UU theology? Do we each have an “elevator speech” ready? UUs pioneered liberal religion in North America, but we don’t all have the knowledge and language to describe our denomination. Come for a short, accessible survey of our evolution											
Aug 13	Lenore Norrgard	Terra	Turning Enemies into Friends	1009, Peace Salaam Shalom, We Resist	Heidi Hoelting, Mavis, Becky	Bear Moore	Tom	Terra	5/8 min~ 11:03		52 + 5 kids
Description: A Tent Big Enough for Everyone. Lenore’s life is a rich tapestry of art, science, activism, and — since 1987 — spirituality. That year she was called to the shamanic path, and it has informed every aspect of her life since. Lenore wonders how truly inclusive Unitarian Universalists are. Are we really able to provide a tent big enough for everyone? What might happen if we did? Lenore will share the threads of inclusivity and exclusivity in her life, from early years in a mixed-race family; as a youth in sectarian radical activism; and the shamanic awakening that led her to participate in bringing healing between the perpetrators and victims of the 1979 Greensboro Massacre, and becoming a filmmaker.											
Aug 20	Elizabeth Guss	Jane Hayes	Those Shoes (Suzi)	123, 298, 318	Nola	Cynthia Morrow- Hattal	Conrad	Work Party	6/10 min~ 11:08		64 +2 kids
Description: Views of a Celtic Catholic Guest speaker Elizabeth Guss is a cradle Catholic who is Celtic in her DNA and soul. She strives to find meaning in all of life’s experiences and will share insights about her own journey into the heart of Catholicism. Choosing two aspects of this rich 2000-year old faith tradition, she will offer reflections on the significance of patron saints and the central worship ritual of Catholicism: the Mass. Known for her work in the community, she is a founding member of the Greening Congregations Collaborative, committed to interfaith work, and co-author of <i>Whidbey Island: Reflections on People and the Land</i> . Her presentation explores how her faith expresses itself in daily life.											
Aug 27	Rev Dennis	Sara	Alexander and the Windup Mouse	15, 175, All God's Critters	Nola	Audrienne Cooke	Dave	Terra	n/a ~11:00	\$238	43 + 4 kids
Description: <u>Animal Blessing</u> Each year we take time to honor the non-humans who enrich our lives. The animals we encounter may be our pets or the wildlife surrounding us here on Whidbey. All are invited to bring a well-behaved pet, or perhaps a photo, for a special ritual blessing. In the past the visitors have ranged from dogs and cats to rats and goats and even a horse. Join us for this fun and often moving service as we gather to sing and share music and stories about the animals who have captured our hearts.											

September Theme: More Roots and Wings – history of this congregation and its progress/future? Dedicated Offering: Habitat for Humanity; emergency offering for Hurricane Harvey relief Choir: Welcome!, Welcome!; We're the Water in the Waves; Water is Life											
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accomp	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S~ end time	DO	Count
Sept 3	Allen Ament, Jasmine Anderson	Effie	Night Shift Daddy	128, 361, You are the heart	Nola	Leon Garcia, guitar	Tom	Terra	9/10 min ~11:05		59
Description: On this Labor Day weekend we continue our theme of Roots and Wings as we focus on how UU principles of the inherent worth and dignity of every person and justice, equity, and compassion in human relations may relate to the work we do in the world, whatever our age. Allan Ament and Jasmine Andersen will share their stories of ways our values are expressed and experienced in the jobs we perform and the work that calls us											
Sep 10	Rev Dennis	Katy	Gilberto & the Wind	108, 210	Nola	Choir/ Tommie	Conrad	Mavis	n/a ~11:10	\$1183	~91 + 4?
Description: InGathering: <u>Shelter from the Storm</u> . Each year, we gather to mark a new church year with feasting and ritual. In these times of divisiveness and storm in our larger culture, our bonds of community take on increased importance. We invite you to join in our annual gathering of the waters ritual. Please bring water from on or around Whidbey Island that has deep significance for you or represents the joys or challenges of your lives. The water may be from your rain barrel, your art studio, a lake or a favorite beach, or maybe from your kitchen sink. Such water can represent special events or your special connection to our island home. We encourage you to ponder what you might want said about your sacred water and write, in advance, a brief note telling all where it is from and why it is significant to you											
Sep 17	Dave Cauffman	Sandy	Ken: Tame Me - from The Little Prince	6, 34, Draw the Circle Wide	Nola	Nola	Evan Harris	Terra	7 ppl/9 min 11:05		65
Description: Covenant: <u>Let's Get Real</u> What are the covenants that bind our lives? Why would a group of rugged individualists come together and make a "Declaration of Interdependence"? We will explore the potential and the difficulties inherent in being a part of a covenanted religious community.											
Sep 24	Rev Dennis	John Long; Mary Goolsby	Tillie and The Wall	346, 361, 468	Nola	Gladys (recorder)	Dave	Terra	10 / 9 min~ 11:05	\$426	57
Description: <u>The Chapters of our Life</u> We are the beneficiaries of actions of the past. Our personal history, our national history and the history of UUCWI shape the lives we now live. Twenty-five years ago wise individuals began what would become the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island. They made this congregation happen. What we do now will some day become history and our legacy. How might we balance the concurrent calls for appropriate reflection and honoring of the past, planning for the future and being present to each precious moment?											

October Theme: Dedicated Offering: Senior Services											
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accomp	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S~ end time	DO	Count
Oct 1	Justice Sunday	Mavis	Rip Van Winkle and MLK	151, 153, 298 We Resist	Nola	Choir	Dave	Mavis	3@4 min 11:13		69
Description: <u>Awakening to Injustice</u> General Assembly (GA), the annual national conference of UUs, took place in New Orleans in June and a few from our congregation were fortunate to be able to attend. The theme was social justice — or the lack thereof — especially for people of color.. Frances Wood and Mavis Cauffman were unexpectedly and deeply moved by the powerful messages they heard from speakers including Bryan Stevenson and Robin DiAngelo. They'll share a bit of their new perspective with you.											
Oct 8	Dennis	Rick	Pierre	360, 1037	Nola	Nola	Conrad	Julie	5 @5min 11:11		55
Description: <u>A Season of Atonement</u> There are times when we might acknowledge and apologize for missteps we have made that created difficulties for others. Jewish traditions have done so with intention for centuries. How might we learn from some traditions and truly reconcile our past with the present?											
Oct 15	Lisa, Gladys, Wendy	Becky	Pelle's New Suit	22, 1068	Nola	Sarungano	Evan	Terra	6 @ 8 min 11:09		75
Description: <u>Weaving the Cloth of our Lives</u> Come hear the stories of weavers from our community and how weaving can be a spiritual practice and a metaphor for life. The process of weaving brings a sense of expectation and quiet hopefulness as we let ourselves surrender to the creative rhythm of this ancient art, not rushing the process, but peacefully letting the cloth unfold.											
Oct 22	Rev Dennis	Jane	Badger's Parting Gifts	38, 123, 324	Eileen	Siri	Tom	Mark	8 @ 9 mim 11:13	\$488	62
Description: <u>Acknowledging Death One Step and One Stitch At A Time</u> (with Dallas Huth) It is said that humans are the only species who know of their own death. We know it is inevitable. Each of us and the ones we love will die. How we mask or accept that truth can shape our lives. Let's explore how intentional actions can perhaps enhance the finite time we all have.											
Oct 29	Barbara Lamb	Effie	Calpurnia Follows Her Nose, Rawlings	1008, 123, 128	Nola	Heidi	Mavis	Werner	8 @ 9 min 11:07		64
Description: <u>Building a Foundation of Trust</u> Most of us are feeling some negative effects from the times we are living in and the news that comes to us daily. How we react or respond to all we hear determines our emotional, spiritual, mental and physical state. Let's step away from what is going on outside us, and focus on what we can do for and in ourselves so we are able to regain and sustain our effectiveness and our well-being with compassion and strength. Join Barbara Lamb as she shares her personal journey of strengthening her foundation of trust and serving others as a blessing for the world.											

November Theme: Dedicated Offering: Veteran's Resource Center											
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S~ end time	DO	Count
Nov 5 Time!!	Bill Graves	Sarah Richards	The Farmer & the Stranger?	389, 1009, Om, I am a Flute, Om Namah Sivaya	none	Julie Pigott	Conrad	Terra	6 @ 8 min 11:10		48
Description: <u>Meditation and Chanting: A Day Hike to That Inherently Good Place</u> Meditation and chanting are two related forms of spiritual practice that assist in achieving heightened awareness and inner peace. Spiritual practice is an essential complement to social justice work and vice versa. Bill will introduce a sampling of these life-enhancing practices with help from his friends.											
Nov 12	Rick Ingrasci	Terra	You Are Stardust	311, 1024	Nola	Rick I	Evan Tom	Julie	8 @ 13 min 11:02		86 + 5 kids
Description: <u>Collective Joy as a Spiritual Asset</u> Collective Joy is an essential spiritual asset for community building. Based on his life-affirming belief that "If you want to create a healthy community, THROW A BETTER PARTY," Dr. Ingrasci will discuss the critical role that love, compassion, creative self-expression, and collective joy can play in the evolution of a more just and sustainable world. Rick Ingrasci, M.D., has a rich background in psychiatry and holistic medicine. For over 30 years he has been convening Summer, Winter, and Fall Gatherings here on Whidbey and Cortes Islands. Each event generates a deep sense of community spirit and belonging through the power of collective joy AND collective pain. Rick is the co-author of the best-selling book Chop Wood, Carry Water: A Guide to Spiritual Fulfillment in Daily Life. With his wife, Peggy Taylor, he is a long-time resident of Langley											
Nov 19	Rev Dennis	Sara	Hope is an Open Heart -Lauren Thompson	168, 170 1024	Eileen	Choir	Dave	Terra	8 @ 9 min 11:08	\$371	79 + 3 kids
Description: <u>Gentle, Angry People</u> Last year's election results prompted many of us to ask, "What can I do?" Exemplars have risen up and offered answers. They are using their talents and skills to make a difference. Perhaps they can show us the way. Holly Near has used music. Others use painting, photography, and written and spoken words to call us all towards action. What, for each of us, inspires us and sustains hope? In what do we have faith? In these troubling times, how might we each find and use our unique talents to make a difference?											
Nov 26		Effie Eileen & Gene	The Wonderful O	123, 128, 354, 360	Nola	Heidi H & Talia	Tom	Terra	8@10 min 11:10		54 + 2 kids
Description: Gratitude and Communion This service adapts traditional liturgies and rituals to reflect Unitarian Universalist principles. The sharing of bread both evokes gratitude for the blessings and abundance in our lives and challenges us to care for those less fortunate. Members of the congregation will share reflections which explore the themes of gratitude for the gift of life, the bounty of Earth, and our commitment to a world of peace, love, and justice.											

December Theme: Dedicated Offering: Whidbey Island Nourishes											
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S~ end time	DO	Count
Dec 3	Rev. Peter Luton	Terra	Legend of Befana	40, 139, 259	Nola	Nola	Conrad	Mark	3 @ 4 min 11:08		56
Description: What the Wise Ones Know If legend is to be believed, the Three Kings/Magi should be on the road now, following a star, a hope, a world-changing birth. I imagine the people on the road thought them crazy, yet legend continues to portray them as wise. I believe they were wise											
Dec 10	Rev Dennis	Katy Shaner	3 French Hens	235, Winter Wonderland, 12 Days of Christmas	Nola	Sue Baer	Dave	Julie	5 @ 5 min 11:13	\$462	65 + 4 kids
Description: What Do We Really Want for Christmas? Christmas is the big deal here in the United States, culturally, religiously, and commercially. Yet many other faith traditions also celebrate at this time of year. Let's honor those diverse celebrations as we concurrently explore what practices and behaviors might in these dark times help us to be truly happy											
Dec 17	Holiday Music	Mavis	Why the Chimes Rang	Do You Hear what I Hear? 55, 231, 244, Hallelujah Chorus	Tommie	Choir & Tommie	Tom	Mavis & Terra	No J&S today 10:58		76 + 2 kids
Description: The Sounds and Silence of Christmas Amid all the noise and bustle of our lives, let's remind ourselves of the true meaning of the season. Through spoken word and song we will attempt to "retune the world to the key of Christmas." (From Rev. Forrest Church). Brush up on Handel's <i>Hallelujah Chorus</i> -- as has become our tradition, we will ALL sing it at the close of the service!											
Dec 24		Effie & team		235, 248, Good King Wenceslas	Heidi Hoelting	Heidi & Talia	Conrad	Effie & Terra	Silent J&S 5min 11:00		51 + 1 kid
Description: The Gifts of Christmas Long before the birth of Jesus, the popular description of Santa Claus in <i>The Night Before Christmas</i> , and Christmas trees in all sizes and colors, our ancient ancestors celebrated the gifts of Earth and the turning of the seasons. Join us Christmas Eve morning when, instead of a sermon, members of the congregation will share a variety of stories and songs about the blessings of giving and receiving gifts of love and compassion, which is at the very heart of Christmas											
Dec 24	Rev Dennis	Terra	233, 239, 241, 253, 256, 259, Christmas Morning, Silent Night	Heidi	Heidi & Talia	Tom	Terra				35 & snow
Description: Christmas Eve and Candlelight The cosmos enfolds us. We are caught in a web of stars, cradled in a swaying embrace, rocked by the holy night, babes of the universe." ~ Rev. Rebecca Parker. In this season of darkness, on this night of anticipation and hope, let us gather to share stories and songs and reflect on how the joyous message of Christmas shines bright in our lives. All ages are invited to join in this traditional celebration filled with love, candles, and carols											
Dec 31	Ken Merrell	Sandy W			Nola	Eileen	Dave	Werner			
Description: Resolutions Out with the old and in with the new. It's the last day of 2017, and we find ourselves in a nexus—a connecting point between two years. One could argue that January 1 is just another day, and nothing about anyone changes just because the number the calendar does. And yet this is a time we almost can't help but take stock, inventory our lives, measure how we're doing, and look for some determination to do better. To that end, we'll explore the concept of resolutions—what they are, what they aren't, making them, breaking them, and more important... what they say about us											

January Theme: Dedicated Offering: UUA's Black Lives Matter Notes: when will Nola or Eileen be special musician?											
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S~ end time	DO	Count
Jan 7	Joe Rettenmaier	Dennis			Nola?	Recorder group	Tom	Mark			
Description: Expedition of Faith, Exploring Our Personal Theology in the New Year Our speaker will offer reflections on how our individual, personal theologies can work together to guide us toward improving a greater collective good.											
Jan 14	Rev Dennis	Gladys			Nola?	Choir & Eileen	Conrad	Terra			
Description: Legacy and Continuing Commitment It has been nearly 50 years since the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King's untimely death. Yet still we dream of truly becoming the beloved community he called us towards. Now, a new generation calls us to awake to the truth of our present times and to take up the torch of those who came before. How might we honor the legacy of those who came before as we seek a better future for those who will follow?											
Jan 21	Rabbi Olivier ben Haim	Eileen			Nola?	Becky Myrick	Dave	Werner			
Description: The Story of Story "Torah" most often refers to the first Five Books of the Jewish Bible, part of the annual Jewish spiritual journey. Each week, a portion is studied to re-examine and deepen one's understanding of its stories. Rabbi Olivier BenHaim, through the lens of this week's Torah portion, will talk about the symbolism in the story of the Hebrews leaving Egypt and crossing the Red Sea. Why did writers feel compelled to add this most ancient story to the Hebrew narrative? What can it teach us about fear, faith, and freedom, thousands of years later?											
Jan 28	Judith Adams	Becky?			Eileen	Peggy Taylor		Julie			
Description: The Power of Poetry Poetry connects us to the universe and to our own unique spiritual journey. Its concise language goes straight to the essence of what it is to be human and helps us illuminate and deal with the tough times and vicissitudes of life. Judith Adams is an English-born poet now living on Whidbey Island. She has published four books of poetry and recorded several CDs. Her poems have been published in magazines and anthologies and choreographed for dance. In 2017 she was selected to be one of the speakers for "humanities Washington". She has presented readings and workshops and has worked in the correctional system and state hospitals. Judith works with poetry as a way to navigate the heart-breaking territory of grief at Healing Circles in Langley.											

February Theme:
 Dedicated Offering: Andrea Fink and NW Immigrants Rights Project – perhaps on the 25th?
 Notes: Mavis gone all month (no choir)
 Notes: when will Nola or Eileen be special musician?

Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S~ end time	DO	Count
Feb 4	Imbolc	Tabiltha/Effie			Eileen						

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Feb 11	Joseph Bednarik										
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Feb 18	Rev Jon Luopa	Mavis?				Eileen					
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Feb 25	Peggy Taylor	Jane				Peggy & her choir					
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March Theme:
 Dedicated Offering: Penn Cove Water Festival????
 Choir:
 Notes: when will Nola or Eileen be special musician?

Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S~ end time	DO	Count
Mar 4	John Fetrow? Sermon on the Amt??	Terra?									

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Mar 11 Time Change	Rev Dennis										
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Description: Seasons of Change

Mar 18	Rev Dennis					choir					
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Description: Finding Balance?

Mar 25	Rev Bill Graves										
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April Theme: Earth and Ocean Month
 Dedicated Offering: Organic Farm School
 Choir:
 Notes: when will Nola or Eileen be special musician?

Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S~ end time	DO	Count
Apr 1	Rev Dennis	Rick									

Description: (It's both Easter and April Fools day today) Is Resurrection Real?

Apr 8	Joseph Bednarik	Mavis				Choir					
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Apr 15	Rabbi Ted Falcon	Eileen									
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Apr 22	Kathleen Dean Moore	Terra									
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Apr 29	This I Believe	Effie									
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Description: **Note: this is District weekend in Portland**

May Theme:
 Dedicated Offering: Mother Mentors
 Choir - Seal Lullaby; All Through the Night
 Notes: when will Nola or Eileen be special musician?

Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S~ end time	DO	Count
May 6	BUF Choir	Mavis			Nola	BUF & our choir					

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May 13	Dennis					Claudia???					
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Description: Mother's Day theme

May 20											
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Description:

May 27	Rev Dennis		Miss Rumphius?								
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Description: Remembering our Beloveds?

June Theme: Dedicated Offering: Spin Café - food bank in Oak Harbor Choir - Notes: when will Nola or Eileen be special musician?											
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S~ end time	DO	Count
June 3		Mavis				Choir					
Description: Hymn Sing											
Jun 10	Imam Jamal Rahman										
Description:											
Jun 17	Rev Dennis										
Description: Father's Day/ Flower Communion?											
Jun 24	General Assembly		A Bus Called Heaven - Graham								
Description: Video of Sermon from GA 2017 in New Orleans? Or is this Dennis' farewell/thank you service?											

Looking toward summer:

July 15: Shelly Tolchuk, the author of Witnessing Whiteness which is the white privilege curricula many here used. Her new book is Living in The Tension; a Quest for Spiritualized Racial Justice.