



# Island Passages

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF WHIDBEY ISLAND

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## October 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 12:30 Quaker Mtg-Classroom 6:30 BYOT 7 pm WWG @ UUCWI	<b>2</b> 6 pm Meditation (Jarina Moss)	<b>3</b> 10 am UU Men's Group	<b>4</b> 7 pm Book Group	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 1pm Rehearsal (Soskin) 7pm Zikr -Dances of Universal Peace
<b>7</b> 10 am UU /Worship 1pm League of Women Voters Forum 4 pm Quaker Sve 6 pm Rehearsal (Soskin)	<b>8</b> 9:30 am WIN in Kitchen 10 am Music Cte Mtg 6:30 pm Falling Upward Study Grp 6:30 PFLAG 6:30 BYOT	<b>9</b> 6 pm Guillemot Mtg 7pm Chalice Singers	<b>10</b> 7:30 EvenSong: May Sarton	<b>11</b> 6:30 League of Women Voters of Whidbey - Candidates Forum	<b>12</b> <b>7:30 pm Singing for Marriage Equality</b>	<b>13</b> 9 am Quaker Workshop 10 am COM
<b>14</b> 10 am UU Worship 11:30 Board Mtg 4 pm Quaker Worship Svc	<b>15</b> 9 am Worship Ctte 1 pm Chime Consort	<b>16</b> 7pm Meditation (Jarina Moss) 7pm Chalice Singers	<b>17</b> 10am UU Men's Group 4 pm MAGIC	<b>18</b> 6 pm North End Discussion	<b>19</b> 5pm Rehearsal (Soskin)	<b>20</b> Newsletter Deadline 9 am Work Party 11am Rehearsal (Soskin) <b>7 pm Pianothon Concert at UUCWI</b>
<b>21</b> 10 am UU Worship 1 pm Mutiny Bay Water Assn Mtg 4 pm Quaker Worship Svc 5 pm Quaker Business Mtg	<b>22</b> 9:30 am WIN in Kitchen	<b>23</b> 7pm Chalice Singers	<b>24</b> 7 pm Whidbey Camano Trust	<b>25</b> 6:30 BYOT III	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6 pm Marimba Event at UUCWI 6 pm Circle Dinner
<b>28</b> 9:45 Morning Sing 10 am UU Worship 12 pm Rehearsal (Soskin) 4 pm Quaker Worship Sve 7 pm Dances of Universal Peace	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Nov 1</b> 8:30 am WIN Burrito Team in kitchen 7 pm Book Group	<b>Nov 2</b> 10 am VAC	<b>Nov 3</b> <b>UUCWI Services Auction</b>

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# **Singing for Marriage Equality!**

*A community sing-along and celebration  
to encourage the Whidbey community to*

**APPROVE REFERENDUM 74**

**7:30 pm, Friday, Oct 12, 2012**

**Unitarian Universalist  
Meeting House**

20103 Hwy 525, Freeland



**We Stand on the  
Side of Love**

**WILL YOU?**

[www.StandingontheSideofLove.org](http://www.StandingontheSideofLove.org)

#### **Event Leaders:**

Dennis Reynolds, minister at UUCWI  
Eileen Soskin, piano accompanist • Siri Bardarson, vocalist  
Peggy Taylor and the Open Circle Singers  
Mavis Cauffman, Choir director at UUCWI  
David Locke, Parish Musician at St. Augustine's-in-the-Woods

#### **Co-sponsors:**

UUCWI • Whidbey PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays)  
The Giving Circle • Whidbey Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

## ***Worship Services: Sundays, 10 – 11 am***

**October 7:**

### ***Music as Therapy***

Barbara Dunn is a multi-talented individual with a broad background in music, music therapy and conflict resolution. She will bring that background and her years of practice to help us explore practical tools for dealing with life's many challenges and complexities.

**October 14:**

### ***Feed the Soul with Dennis Reynolds***

“Soul” is one of those words that many Unitarian Universalists define in ways that are different than those of other religious believers. Dennis’ 2010 experiences in Haiti and his subsequent studies about “soul” shape his reflective exploration.

**Wed, October 10: 7:30 pm (prelude at 7:20)**

### ***EvenSong***

**Our monthly evening meditation service will feature the work of May Sarton - poet, writer, and memoirist - and will feature a work for spoken voice and piano. EvenSong is a quiet, candlelit service including readings, silent meditation, and songs accompanied by harp. All are welcome. Readers: Mavis Cauffman and Eileen Soskin.**

**October 21:**

### ***A Life on the Edge Is a Life Well-Lived with John Graham***

He's faced Libyan revolutionaries and Viet Cong guerrillas. He's been jailed in Iran. He's survived bullets, avalanches and sinking ships. But he knows that, for most of us, the real risks in life challenge not the body but the soul. John Graham, a leader of the [Giraffe Heroes Project](#) and former U.S. diplomat, tells his audiences and readers that nothing is more important to any of us than finding and living a meaningful life — and that the surest path to that meaning is service. The theme of this service will be courage, service, and life meaning. Libby Roberts will be the worship leader.

*“Life’s an adventure,” he says,  
“sometimes a risky one.*

*The key is knowing what to take risks for,  
and how to take them well.”*

**October 28:**

### ***In Awe of Being Human: A Doctor's Stories of Living, Healing and Dying*** with Betsy MacGregor

How do we embrace dying as a sacred aspect of life rather than something to be avoided at all costs? Betsy shares heroic tales of critically-ill children and adults and the personal soul-stretching experiences of doctors who seek to help people whose lives are at stake. You can anticipate laughter and tears and a heart-opening, thought-provoking sermon.

Betsy MacGregor, MD is a physician, integrative medicine consultant, researcher, and educator on death and dying. She lives here on Whidbey Island and her many activities include serving on the board of Enso House and supporting an orphanage in Uganda that teaches music, life skills and destitution alleviation.

## ***October Events:***

**Sunday, October 7, 11:45 am:**

### ***First Sunday Lunch Bunch***

The monthly First Sunday After Church Lunch will be held at China City in Freeland, at 11:45, give or take.

We, as group, chose several meals that will suit our palates and then share the cost including tip.

Members, friends and guests are all invited to participate. There is lively conversation on a multiple of topics.

Here is a nice opportunity to get to know one another in an informal way. The food is good, the price is right and the fellowship is great.

If you have questions, please contact Jelcy at [jelcy@jelcy.com](mailto:jelcy@jelcy.com)

**Saturday, Oct 20, 9 - 11 am:**

### ***Work Party***

Our monthly gathering to maintain our building and grounds. Coffee, goodies and camaraderie provided!

**Saturday, Oct 27, 6 pm:**

### ***Circle Dinner***

The dinner this month is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday so as not to conflict with the Pianothon. If you would like to attend this monthly pot luck, please contact Jelcy Romberg at [jelcy@jelcy.com](mailto:jelcy@jelcy.com)

Theme for our Auction!  
***“UUCWI at the Movies”***

***Saturday, November 3***

Twelve energetic and enthusiastic UUCWI members are planning this year’s auction. You will be glad to hear that Ken Merrell will be our auctioneer once again and that Glo Sherman will prepare a full dinner for our evening at the movies!

Mark your calendars now for this very important fundraiser for the UUCWI General Fund. We promise you a rollicking good time — with great company and even better food!

**TICKET SALES BEGIN  
after the service on OCTOBER 7!  
DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING  
DONATION FORMS is OCTOBER 26!**

Here is a brief **overview** of our planning:

- Fresh, new ideas for the “community auctions” (starting at \$50 bids and ending with \$10 bids). HINT: Who will you pay to hear sing with the Cranberry Bog Bluegrass Band this year?
- No used items in the silent auction
- No paper tickets, just sign-ups. Buy early (by Oct 26) and get a \$10 credit!
- No 2<sup>nd</sup> auction this year. All donated items will be auctioned on Nov 3!
- Quicker check-in and check-out via MORE computers
- Printouts for both purchases and sales
- Electronic/online sign-up and donation forms available by October 7
- Expanded “Dutch” auctions for parties, entertainment, trips, adventures, overnights, meals, performances, etc.

***Dennis' Ministerial Musings***

***Being With You Even When I Am Far Away***

Because my contract is for a half time ministry and because Suzanne and I are still based in our wee home in Port Townsend, my time actually on the island is often in small doses. We are also in Poulsbo with Suzanne’s sister Peggy more often than we are home. I am here for 3-4 days on the weekends when I am in the pulpit. On the alternate weeks, I come over for specific meetings or classes.

I will soon be establishing regular Monday office hours and will, to be best of my ability, be on-call to meet any significant needs that arise for any of you. At present I am available, with the exception of pre-planned time away, on most Saturday or Monday afternoons.

Even when I am not on the island I am usually nearby. Adjusting for ferry schedules, Port Townsend is less than an hour away. The reality of ministry is that those of us who serve a congregation are almost always on-call. Even when I am not available in person it is always appropriate to give me call. Wherever I am physically, I will strive to be there for you. My contact information is in the new directory. We will also soon have a live [minister@uucwi.org](mailto:minister@uucwi.org) email address. (Not yet, but soon!)

This fall I will be, on occasion, farther away. By the time you read this I will have returned from a week away in mid-September. I flew to the east coast to pick up a car and then ‘road-tripped’ with my daughter across America. Throughout that time we were available by phone and seldom far from internet connectivity.

Later this month, thanks to the understanding and flexibility of the Board, the Worship Committee, Caring Connections and especially Peggy’s very best friend who has offered to be with her in Poulsbo, Suzanne and I will be taking a delayed trip to visit friends in Argentina.

Even though we have been geographically “away”, the UUCWI community and the people within it have become, in a very short period of time, often on our minds and consistently close to our hearts. It is, in some ways, similar to the closeness I maintain with my children who live far away in Long Beach, Philadelphia, and Baltimore.

In this age when we take for granted the truly marvelous capacity of electronic communications. We are still able to talk and, through Skype, see each other.

Even when we are at a distance and even when we might not talk for several days we are still close. It has to do with being connected through the heart and not merely through the head. We not only are thinking about each other, but we also care about each other deeply. I experienced that care from my first meeting with the search committee and I continue to feel it in the genuine care you demonstrate for my family's current difficulties. I can only respond with reciprocal care.

Beyond and below and interwoven with my call to care for you as your minister is the deeper caring that comes with the realization of our connection as people and as members of a religious community. You regularly demonstrate the truth of the opening words I offer on many Sundays: "We are loving caring people. Yet, sometimes we forget. We come to church to remember." The community here at this Unitarian church on this long thin island offers many loving reminders of that reality.

### **Committee Of Ministry Renewed**

A new minister coming to serve the Congregation means a new gathering of lay members who will join Dennis on the Committee on Ministry (CoM). Sandy Welch and David Cauffman have previously served on this Committee with Kit and Effie Brown is moving from the Search Committee to the CoM.

This committee works to both advise and consulting with the professional minister and to help promote the shared ministry in which all play a part. All members of the Committee are available to receive your comments, questions, suggestions, and any concerns.

### **Whidbey Island Peace Group**

The Group meets every Saturday at the Bayview Park and Ride from 10 to 11 am. We have extra peace signs.

**Women in Black** meet the first Friday of each month from 3 to 4 pm on the grass just above Bayview Park and Ride.

### **Terra's Message**

Your board met in August to ponder priorities for the coming years. It's always fascinating to me to observe how differently we all think, even as we share the common values and principles that draw us to UUism. While our ideas were seldom identical, they were certainly complementary and fall into 6 broad categories:

**1. Nourishing our membership and the broader community** by expanding north end activities during the week, sharing a bus with another congregation in order to pick up members for Sunday services who do not otherwise have easy access, fostering a spirit of "radical hospitality" to visitors, etc

**2. Nourishing committees and their interactions** through a vibrant Leadership Council, supporting Building and Grounds needs, putting training and succession plans in place for new leadership...

**3. Supporting our own continuing education** by supporting ever more diverse adult programs

**4. Supporting partnership between committees, staff and the Whidbey community** by meeting our new neighbors across the street who are just starting to build, sharing social justice activities with other congregations, helping Dennis establish his presence and influence on island activities ...

**5. Developing an ever more robust RE program** by increasing involvement of young families, offering the OWL curriculum, providing more funds and space, building the outdoor play area

**6. Strengthening our leadership and financial integrity** by creating a long range plan that accommodates 2 services for our expanding membership, creating an atmosphere where talking about money feels good, enabling our canvass drive to fully fund operational expenses, fostering a spirit of generosity and deep appreciation for all the contributions members and friends make daily

What do you think? Do any of these ideas tickle your fancy? What have we missed entirely? Please reach out to your board members – Ken Merrell, Janis Hummel, Sara Heath, Gladys Howard, Jean McIntosh, Mark Brown, or me. Bend our ears. Share your ideas. We are here to serve you. ☺ Big hugs ~ Terra Anderson

## Help Wanted - Volunteer Editor

Dennis' Sunday Sermons are written as scripts for him to read. He is seeking someone to do editorial revisions to make them into manuscripts that will be made available on the new UUCWI webpage. Please contact Dennis at 541 517 7325 or [dwreynolds123@gmail.com](mailto:dwreynolds123@gmail.com) if you are willing and able to offer this assistance.

## Interfaith Vigil of Peace and Hope

*Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God.*

On Sunday afternoon, October 14 at 3:30, St. Augustine's-in-the-Woods will host the ninth annual Community Interfaith Vigil of Peace and Hope. St. Augustine's Episcopal Peace Fellowship is again sponsoring the event. The service will feature prayer and scripture contributions from Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Native American faith traditions.

A key component of the service will be the music of Karl Olsen. Karl is the Music Minister for Trinity Lutheran and a member of the Brothers Four professional singing group. The Vigil is pleased to again have Karl perform and lead the gathering in singing familiar folk hymns of peace and justice. Also making musical presentations will be the J Bees of Whidbey Island. The J Bees sing contemporary musical arrangements of Buddhist Sutras.

The service will begin with a First Nations smudging ceremony led by Shantina Steele. There will be scripture readings from the Abrahamic faiths and the chanting of a Buddhist Sutra. Throughout the service there will also be time for silent reflection. The main focus this year will be interactive readings exploring the issue of the "Federal Budget as a Moral Issue."

One goal of the vigil is to have participants representing all the major faiths be associated with Whidbey Island. The planning of the vigil has been the result of interfaith cooperation and contributions.

## Social Responsibility Council

The Social Responsibility Council reviewed several applications for receiving a dedicated offering at its meeting in August. We had agreed last spring to reserve offering for the two local organizations we support with volunteers (Whidbey Island Nourishes and Habitat for Humanity). The following list includes those offerings as well as additional offerings to organizations that submitted applications.

Sept: CADA (Citizens Against Domestic Abuse)  
October: PFLAG (Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians and Gays)  
Nov: Habitat for Humanity  
Dec: WIN (funds to go into SRC account to support purchase of WIN food items)  
Jan: WAIF (Whidbey Animals Improvement Fund)  
February: UUCWI Emergency Fund

Many of you had a chance to participate in at least one of the *Healing Democracy Action Circles* here on Whidbey Island. Jeanne Strong has decided to co-facilitate a **one-day retreat** at the Whidbey Institute with Rick Jackson, a founder of the Center for Courage and Renewal and a close associate of Parker Palmer. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 17 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM**, including lunch, etc... The cost will be on a sliding scale of \$75 - \$125

Registration will be handled through The Whidbey Institute at:

[www.regonline.com/wi\\_HeartofDemocracy\\_2012](http://www.regonline.com/wi_HeartofDemocracy_2012)

UUCWI and the SRC continue to maintain our commitments to Whidbey Island Nourishes and Habitat for Humanity by providing volunteers to support their work. Our food items are always well received by the children and families who need them, and our support for Habitat workers has been received with gratitude and enthusiasm. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered. We can always use more help, though. Make sure you contact Libby Roberts or Jean McIntosh if you can help.

On September 15, the SRC hosted the monthly work party at UUCWI. Thanks to the organizational skills of Chris Bell and Mavis Cauffman, work was done to maintain our beautiful venue and grounds. Thank you to all those who participated!

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**UUCWI 2012-2013**  
**Chamber Music Series**

UUCWI's third annual chamber music series includes six recitals this year. What an incredible range of musical talent resides on this island!

**October 20:**  
**PIANOTHON**

We will celebrate the arrival of our new piano by featuring nine local pianists: Nola Allen, Kathy Fox, Heidi Hoelting, David Locke, Robert Marsanyi, Porter Matteson, Eileen Soskin, Dianne Vars and Sheila Weidendorf. The music ranges from classical to jazz.

**November 9 and 10:**  
**A BROADWAY CABARET**

Music from seven Broadway musicals performed by local artists Kate Matteson, Rich Doyle, Ken Merrell, Gretchen d'Armand and one imported Broadway baby, Gloria Makino

**January 19:**  
**JAZZ À LA CARTE:**  
**SEATTLE FUSION AND SWING**

This concert will feature last year's wonderful fusion quartet (Stop, Thief! with Teo Benson) and a group of young Seattle artists playing and singing French pop and gypsy jazz (Mouce Manouche)

**February 22 and 23:**  
**THE TIME TRAVELING TRIO**

Piano trios by Mendelssohn, Fauré, Piazzolla, Bridge and Hidgon performed by Gloria Ferry-Brennan (violin), James Hinkley ('cello) and Eileen Soskin (piano)

**March 23:**  
**WINGS, FIND AIR**

A song recital celebrating French and American poets and composers performed by two Portland artists: Laurie Hungerford Flint, soprano and Rodney Menn, pianist

**May 11:**  
**A MUSICAL B&B:**  
**BRAHMS AND BRITISH SONGS**

A chamber music recital featuring Nola Allen (piano), Teo Benson (violin) and Kathryn Vinson (mezzosoprano).

We will be selling individual tickets to the PIANOTHON after services on October 7<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup>. Adult tickets are \$20.00. Student tickets are \$10. (18 and under, 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult).

The special series subscription package, also offered on those dates, is six concerts for \$100.00.

We will also be offering ANGEL TICKETS again this year. Anyone who is on a limited budget but wishes to attend our concerts is welcome to request an Angel Ticket. Angel Tickets are underwritten by those who wish to ensure that a lack of funds does not keep people away from these concerts.

Hope to see you at all of these great concerts!

~ Libby Roberts and Eileen Soskin

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**Artists in All Media:**

In conjunction with our RE Program, the Visual Arts Committee is compiling a list of artists from our friends and members. If you are a visual or a performing artist in any media, we would appreciate hearing about it. Please contact Mary Goolsby (Phone: 360-579-2838, email: [goolsbyonwhidby@yahoo.com](mailto:goolsbyonwhidby@yahoo.com)).

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