



# Island Passages

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## June 2014

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat  |
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| <b>1</b><br>10am UU Worship<br>11:30 am Annual<br>Congregational Mtg<br>4pm Quaker Worship                                      | <b>2</b><br>8:45 WIN<br>2pm Piano<br>Tuning<br>4pm<br>Meditation<br>(Moss) | <b>3</b><br>1 pm Dennis'<br>Office Hours<br>6:45 pm<br>Guillemot<br>Training   | <b>4</b><br>10am UU Men's<br>Group                         | <b>5</b><br>7pm Book<br>Group                              | <b>6</b><br>9am Ctte on<br>Ministry<br>6pm Family<br>Game Night<br>for ALL<br>AGES | <b>7</b><br>10am VAC<br>Mtg  |
| <b>8</b><br>9:30am Refresh: Janella & John<br>10am UU Worship<br>11:30 am Board Mtg<br>4pm Quaker Worship<br>5pm Quaker Potluck | <b>9</b><br>8:45 WIN<br>6:30 pm<br>PFLAG                                   | <b>10</b><br>10am<br>Membership<br>Ctte<br>10 am Women's<br>Grp<br>1 pm Dennis'<br>Office Hours<br>3pm SRC strg<br>Ctte-WiFire | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b><br>3:30pm<br>Pastoral Assn<br>Mtg                | <b>13</b><br>9am Worship<br>Ctte<br>5pm Slow<br>Food Event                         | <b>14</b><br>1pm North End<br>Coffee   |
| <b>15</b><br>10am UU Worship<br>4 pm Quaker Worship<br>5 pm Quaker Business Mtg   | <b>16</b><br>8:45 WIN<br>4pm<br>Meditation<br>(Moss)                       | <b>17</b><br>1 pm Dennis'<br>Office Hours<br>7pm Choir<br>Rehearsal  | <b>18</b><br>10am UU Men's<br>Group<br>4 pm MAGIC          | <b>19</b><br>6pm North<br>End Grp                          | <b>20</b><br><b>Newsletter<br/>Deadline</b>  | <b>21</b><br>9am Work<br>Party (Visual<br>Arts)<br><br>4pm Solstice<br>Gathering |
| <b>22</b><br>10am UU Worship<br><br>4 pm Quaker Worship<br><br>6 pm Mutiny Bay Water Mtg  | <b>23</b><br>8:45 WIN<br>9am Island<br>Strings<br><br>12:30pm Math<br>Camp | <b>24</b><br>9am Island<br>Strings<br>12:30pm Math<br>Camp<br>1 pm Dennis'<br>Office Hours<br>7pm Choir<br>Rehearsal           | <b>25</b><br>9am Island<br>Strings<br>12:30pm Math<br>Camp | <b>26</b><br>9am Island<br>Strings<br>12:30pm Math<br>Camp | <b>27</b><br>9am Island<br>Strings<br>12:30pm Math<br>Camp                         | <b>28</b><br>9am Math<br>Camp  |
| <b>29</b><br>8:45 am Choir<br>10am UU Worship<br>4 pm Quaker Worshiip<br>6pm North End Dine Oout                                | <b>30</b><br>8:45 WIN  |  |  |  |  |  |

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## ***Worship Services***

*(Sundays at 10 am unless otherwise noted)*

### ***June 1: "The Eightfold Path"***

***With Imam Jamal Rahman***

Beloved Imam Rahman returns to share reflection on Sufism and the Eightfold Path of Buddhism. This service will include chanting in both Arabic and Hindi. Worship Leader: Nydia Blood  
Special Music: Bob Effertz and Julie Pigott

### ***June 8: "Blossoms of Peace:***

***An All Ages Flower Communion Service"***  
***with Rev. Dennis Reynolds and Ginger White***

Join us in celebration of the summer season as we share poetry and messages of peace. We draw on the traditions of the Flower Communion as we seek to seed hope for the blossoming of a more peaceful world. All are invited to bring a flower for the community communion.

Special Music: Young Violinists

### ***June 15: "Father's Day"***

***with Rev. Dave Bieniek***

For many people Father's Day may be a joyful day filled with happy memories of ball games and projects. For others "Father" represents an authoritarian figure demanding respect or even an absent figure within the family structure. Either way, through stories and wisdom, let's take a look at this holiday and find a way to celebrate the important male figures in our lives.

Rev. Bieniek is chaplain for Hospice of Whidbey General Hospital. He is an ordained minister in a progressive Christian tradition and his personal belief is that there are many spiritual paths and they all lead to one reality – which is Love.

Worship Leader: Linda Good

Special Music: Alex Bonesteel

### ***June 22: "Finding Our Voices"***

***with Nydia Blood***

How do we navigate between clarity and ambiguity as both being true within the same moment? Is there a way to embrace the truth as we know it within this moment and be open to being fluid without feeling wishy-washy? And can we support others who share their stories this way without passing judgment that they keep changing their minds?

### ***June 29: "Graduation"***

***with Rev. Dennis Reynolds and Eileen Soskin***

We celebrate the subtle and not-so-subtle changes around us as we move from Spring to Summer. It is a transformative time in the world: a tree in flower becomes a leafy tree; a caterpillar becomes a butterfly; a fawn becomes a deer. People, too, undergo transformation in many ways and in all the seasons of our life. Sometimes we mark those transformations with official graduation ceremonies that honor the completion of a course of study, internship or other planned exploration. We will consider such passages and the reality of continuing change and transformation in all of our lives.

Special Music: The UUCWI Chalice Singers

## ***June Events***

### ***UUCWI Book Group – Thurs, June 5, 7 pm***

Have you been thinking of coming to our book discussion group, but perhaps haven't because you didn't know what book we were reading? June - *The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the fire that saved America* by Timothy Egan  
The UUCWI Book Discussion group meets the first Thursday of every month from September-June at 7pm at UUCWI. ~ Mary Goolsby

### ***June 6 – 6 pm at UUCWI***

#### ***First Friday ALL Ages Game Night***

From Elders to Infants and Everyone in Between  
A Fun Night of Games, Pizza and Community!

Open to the whole congregation.

Side dishes or desserts welcome, but not necessary

Suggested donation \$3-5/person or \$10/family

RSVP your pizza choice to

[Re\\_dir@uucwi.org](mailto:Re_dir@uucwi.org)



### ***June 6 - D-Day Remembrance***

June 6 will be the 70th anniversary of D-Day. To help remember that day and to honor Veterans of that era, four P-51 aircraft will fly in formation over Whidbey Island. The public, all veterans and their families, especially WWII and Korean War era veterans, are warmly invited to join others to view the flyover and participate in a short ceremony at 10:00 a.m. near the memorial plaque at Langley Middle School. For details: Whidbey Veterans Resource Center 360-331-8081.

### ***Sat., June 14 - North End Coffee Klatch – 1 pm***

Gather in the cafeteria at Whidbey General Hospital in Coupeville. All are welcome. Contact Kent Vandervelde if you have questions.

### ***Sign Up for the Solstice Campout Celebration June 20-21***

All members and friends of UUCWI are invited to celebrate the longest day of the year. Spend the night, or simply join us for a meal, the campfire, or the solstice celebration at beautiful at [Fort Ebey State Park](#).

Special contributions to be shared by members of our UU community include:

- A solstice celebration led by Janella Riegel
- Campfire songs led by Linda Good
- Campfire stories led by Joann Roomes

Friday, June 20

2:30 Check-in

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Solstice Celebration

8:00 Campfire and s'mores

Saturday, June 21

8:00 Breakfast

1:00 Check-out

We have reserved the group tent campground, which is located on a bluff down the Point Partridge Road. A vault toilet and running water are at the site. Flush toilets and showers are a 5-minute walk down an easy trail.

All campers are responsible for bringing their own camping equipment, i.e. tent, sleeping bag, flashlight, etc.

The cost: \$3/person/day or \$6/person to camp.

The fee includes hotdog BBQ, s'mores, breakfast, activities, campsite, and more!

Dinner is a potluck with BBQ hotdogs provided (vegan and beef) followed by s'mores at the campfire.

Breakfast includes a variety of choices such as oatmeal, bagels, yogurt, hard-boiled eggs, fruit, coffee, juice and milk.

Please bring your own cups, dishes and silverware.

To reserve your spot, click here for the [Registration Form](#) and send it with your check payable to UUCWI to:

Susan Janow  
5254 Hawthorne Ln  
Langley, WA 98260.

Contact Susan Janow, RE Co-Chair with questions - [staylorjanow@yahoo.com](mailto:staylorjanow@yahoo.com), 360-331-2689.

### ***Saturday, June 21 – Work Party – 9 – 11 am***

Hosted by the Visual Arts Committee this month, this is our time to spruce up the building and grounds. All energy levels and ages are needed and welcome.

### ***Dennis' June Musings***

I have lately been attending choir rehearsals, not as a singer, but as a listener. I am there to get a feel for the music that they will be singing on upcoming Sundays. By listening ahead of time, I become more familiar with the lyrics and also with the melodies and the moods and tempos that will be such an important part of the shape and texture of our worship services.

I also observe the amazing process of how the creative expressions of the composer, the arranger, the choir director, the accompanist and the voices of individual singers come together into one harmonious sound. I listen as the basses, tenors, altos and sopranos each learn their parts and then watch as Mavis directs them in the magical process of weaving it all together into one voice.

The process is not always smooth. There are stops and starts and challenging parts to some songs. To sing in harmony requires an intention to be part of the whole and not just a soloist.

Choir participation is also fun. Yes, it can be daunting and challenging, but it is also deeply

enjoyable. Choir members develop special connections and friendships.

Back a few years ago, when I was a member of the choir in my home church, we were gifted by a new member of the congregation who was a professional singer. She had relocated to Eugene and was moving toward retirement and only occasionally traveling to sing, so she hoped to share her gifts with her new church community.

Her attempt to sing in our church choir was, unfortunately, not successful. It seemed her beautifully trained and powerful voice was just too much for the rest of us. The other sopranos could hardly hear their own voices and her strong voice overpowered the efforts of the rest of us who were trying to harmonize with it.

We had a very frank and difficult discussion about it. She shared that to hold back more than she already was would be harmful to her voice and the rest of us did not have the skill or training to rise to her level. So, she left the choir.

What is true in choir is also true in the political arena and in other settings where strong voices seeking to be heard make finding harmony challenging. Sometimes strong voices, including my own, can make harmonious communication and true shared action difficult. Seeking harmony is even more difficult in a culture like ours where individual initiative is so highly regarded and often stresses "me" more than "we."

In my heart of hearts, I am very much a communitarian as well as a Unitarian and a globalist as well as a Universalist, so I seek and utilize opportunities to blend my voice with others. Each summer, I sing in the choir at Eliot, our District UU camp. As an advocate for social justice, I work with Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice to bring our shared values to Olympia. Here at UUCWI I seek to support the needs and wants of others far more than my own.

Finding a balance between being all that we each individually can be and living in harmony with a community is difficult and daunting and deeply rewarding. It requires practice and rehearsal and so we come together here as a community to practice and to practice and to practice.

~ Dennis

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From the UUA.ORG: Until 1890, there was no national immigration system or agency in the US. A passport was not required for entry until 1918, and even then it was only for identification. The concept of "illegality" was created in 1924, when entry without inspection was prohibited and deportability became permanent. This law also restricted European immigration by establishing quotas; however, non-Europeans were simply not considered as potential immigrants and thus not given quotas. Mexican migration began to be restricted in 1965.

## ***Terra's Tales***

### ***.... Report from the Board President***

I was inspired by Eileen's worship leadership on May 18<sup>th</sup> as she wove the whole service together with questions. She did an admirable job and judging from the chuckles in the chairs, many of us appreciated her clever skill. So here is a pop quiz:

*Who mowed the lawn at church last week?*

*Who set up the sanctuary for the Sunday service?*

*Who changed the light bulbs so some of them now dim?*

*Who cleaned the refrigerator?*

*Who trimmed the ferns outside the front door?*

*Who pulled a truck load of blackberry vines along the front road?*

*Who pulled new wires under the sanctuary floor to stop some of the speaker hum?*

*Who took out the garbage most recently?*

*And who took it all to the recycle center?*

*Who scrubbed the foyer tiles until they looked white again?*

*Who hung all of Jarina's beautiful art?*

*Who greeted visitors last Sunday?*

*Who made the coffee and provided nibbles?*

*Who organized and publicized our concerts and May 23<sup>rd</sup> dance?*

*Who purchased the refreshments for those events?*

*Who refreshes the message in our wayside pulpit at the entry to the parking area?*

*Who arranged for your favorite guest speaker to grace our sanctuary?*

*Who worked with the young minds last Sunday, nurturing their free thinking?*

*Who compiled and edited this newsletter?*

There is a lot of invisible work that happens to keep our little congregation a vibrant presence on the island. Much of it is unglamorous and most probably unnoticed by passersby. But it all shapes the experience we have every time we come to UUCWI. And how many of us remember to thank all these people? When was the last time *you* offered to *help* one of them?

Another often unappreciated and virtually unseen job is serving on the Board. Five brilliant and generous people have answered the call this year – Frank Allen, Mary Goolsby, Charlie Knutilla, John Long and Sarah Richards. Gladys Howard and Libby Roberts have agreed to continue their service. This “serving with grace” is vital to the smooth functioning of our congregation, but how many of us simply take it for granted that *someone* will do this job?

Even if you do not have the energy or motivation to do one of these many hidden jobs, I hope you will join me in making sure every one of these people feels seen, heard and appreciated. UUCWI would not exist without them.

~ Terra Anderson

### ***SRC...In the Know!***

This month, we ask your help with a very important issue — requiring background checks for gun sales and transfers in Washington state.

In November, Initiative 594 will be on our statewide ballot. Its purpose is to apply the currently used criminal and public safety background checks by licensed dealers to all firearm sales and transfers, including gun show and online sales, with specific exceptions (transfers among relative and antiques, for example). Federal law only requires background checks for gun sales at licensed dealers. In the U.S., an estimated 40% of gun transfers take place without going through a licensed dealer, including online and at gun shows. That means that in 2012, 6.6 million guns were sold with no background check for the buyer.

Faith Action Network (FAN), an interfaith alliance, of which Unitarian Universalists are a part, requests that congregations support approval of the initiative. Washington UU Voices for

Justice (of which our minister is a Board member) has endorsed the initiative and Dennis, as a minister, has signed on as a clergy supporter. UUs, together with other faith communities, are important allies in demonstrating the need for stronger gun control.

As the Board deliberates the process for securing UUCWI congregational support of statewide initiatives, the SRC will offer opportunities for the congregation to learn more about the initiative. Please take a look at <http://wagunresponsibility.org/about-594/> for additional information.

Direct concerns and questions to SRC Planning Team member Jean McIntosh at [jeanmc@whidbey.com](mailto:jeanmc@whidbey.com). This initiative provides an opportunity for our congregation to take a stand on a very important issue. Please learn more, be informed, and let your opinion be known!

### ***Who You Gonna Call ?***

The 10 members of the newly convened Pastoral Associates group are busy getting to know each other, learning more about how to best offer support to the UUCWI community, and visiting members and friends of the congregation. In order to provide some consistency in helping people knowing where they might ask if assistance is needed, we have established a rotating Pastoral Coordinator of the month who will be the one to contact if you or others have needs. They will be the ones who assure we attend to issues identified during Joys and Sorrows.

The summer Coordinators are:

June: Mark Brown 360 331-7399 or [marknefe@whidbey.com](mailto:marknefe@whidbey.com)

July: Lisa Siders Kenney 360 222 3596 or [Lisa.Siders@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.Siders@gmail.com)

Aug: Gaea Van Breda 360 579-2154 or [tohajjara@hotmail.com](mailto:tohajjara@hotmail.com)

It is, as always, also appropriate if you prefer to contact our minister, Dennis, at 541-517-7325 or [minister@uucwi.org](mailto:minister@uucwi.org) or our chaplain Sally Elders 360-675-3314 or [chaplain@uucwi.org](mailto:chaplain@uucwi.org)

There is more information about the Pastoral Associates in last month's newsletter.



# **JUNE 20-21** **UU SOLSTICE** **CAMPING TRIP**

## **Fort Ebey State Park - Group Camp Site**

Come to celebrate the longest day of the year with our Whidbey Island UU community! Come to camp, or just for the meals or activities. We hope to see you there!

For more information and to reserve your space, contact Susan Janow, RE Committee co-Chair: [staylorjanow@yahoo.com](mailto:staylorjanow@yahoo.com) or 360-331-2689.

**SUMMER  
SOLSTICE  
CELEBRATION**



**CAMPFIRE  
STORIES,  
SONGS &  
S'MORES**



**BIRDWATCHING,  
NATURE WALKS &  
STARGAZING**



**CRAFTS & GAMES**



**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**JOIN US!**

5:30pm Beach Walk  
6:30pm Dinner  
7:30pm Solstice Celebration  
8:00-10:00pm Campfire  
6:30am Bird Watching  
8:00am Breakfast

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