

2016-17 Worship Calendar (updated June 25, 2017)

July Theme: This Place Called Home Dedicated Offering: July 24 Lummi Youth Academy					Earth Spirit Circle:						
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S # & min end time	Count	DO
July 3	Swil Kanim	Janella	His own	159, 163, 360	Nola	Swil	Tom B	Terra	6/6 11:11	81	
Description: <i>Stories from the Lummi Nation</i> Swil Kanim, a member of the Lummi Tribe, is a classically trained violinist, native storyteller, and actor. Through music, he found his path to healing childhood wounds and reconnecting to his native roots. He has made it his life's mission to bring healing and hope through music, fine arts, and storytelling. With his non-profit, HonorWorks, he seeks to help heal the trauma of intergenerational misunderstandings and ignorance. Swil Kanim's presentation will begin our month-long exploration of Belonging to This Place, and what that means to each of us.											
July 10	Rev Katherine Jesch	Mavis	?	1023, 1052, 1073	Nola	Eileen	Larry M	Mark S	4/9 11:09	66	
Description: <i>Crossing Boundaries, Finding Wisdom</i> Crossing boundaries often entails risk but can yield great rewards. In this sermon I'll share stories of my recent visit to the Lummi Nation with the Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice. Exploring the art and culture along with economic and environmental justice issues the Lummi people struggle with opens a window on how they've managed to survive for the last 300 years. I'll reflect on how such boundary crossing has led me to new understandings of what is needed for survival in this broken world, and how I maintain hope when so much seems lost. We can learn much from their ways of finding beauty and love. Jesch is a community minister affiliated with First Unitarian Church of Portland.											
July 17	Dave Anderson	Eileen	Granny's Clan	1064	Nola	Vern Olsen +	Conrad	Leaser	6/8 11:11	78	
Description: <i>Speaking Up for the Salish Sea</i> Dave Anderson's first novel, Spill, considers "what it would be like to have a large oil spill in the Puget Sound, a scenario that is very possible." This delightful and informative novel is a focused response to the potential (likely?) disaster that would result from the proposed Trans Mountain pipeline. Why did Dave choose to illuminate these issues in a novel rather than in a non-fiction book? Why and how should each one of us be an eco-activist and what lifestyle changes must we consider making?											
July 24	Rev Dennis	Effie	Pushing Up The Sky	See description notes	Nola	Bear Moore	Leaser	Dick H	???	58	\$477
Description: <i>This Place We Call Home</i> We have each, in our own way, travelled to this island called Whidbey – this place we call home. Yet long before our presence, this Island had its own history, its First People, and will continue to create its own future long after we are gone. Let us pause in the present to explore and to honor the then, the now, and what may be.											
July 31	N/A	Rick Weiss	N/A	21, 309, 549, 1064	Nola	Barbara Dunn, Coreen, Ken	Larry & Leaser	Terra	11/11 ???	55	
Description: <i>Singing For Earth</i> Today's service is dedicated to the need to care for Earth, our Mother & our Home. We will go on a journey through time and space in song. We will sing about the Past and the Present, about Futures that "Might have been", and about Futures that "Still could be." Futures of joy, of hope, or of extermination. We will sing of our love for Earth, our Home, and our determination that those of us who care will never abandon Her, and why we Love Her. But there is also great danger and risk in our future. The cautionary tale has been often been used to address events that must not be allowed to happen. We will do this also.											

August Theme: Dedicated Offering: August 28 Sarvey Wildlife Rescue					Earth Spirit Circle:: August 1 Lughnasad						
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S # & min end time	Count	DO
Aug 7		Worship committee	Henry Builds a Cabin	6, 16, There is a Love	Nola	Linda, Julie B, Nola, Ken	Dave C & Tom	Terra	???	62	
Description: <i>Simple Gifts</i> We learned a few interesting details about our UU heritage at the June 26 service celebrating our annual General Assembly. This Sunday we will explore some symbols of our UU traditions as captured in a painting called <i>Simple Gifts, Too</i> by artist P.S. Gordon, commissioned by All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa, OK. Each element of the painting represents a value at the heart of Unitarian Universalism.											
Aug 14	Nydia Blood	Rev Dennis	Seeking Spirit Bear	311, 361, 1008	Heidi	Siri Bardarson	Leaser	Mark	???	64	
Description: <i>The Call for Mysticism in Leadership Today</i> Father Richard Rohr teaches, "God is actually quite wild and dangerous, but we domesticated divine experience so much that a vast majority of people have left the search entirely, finding most religious people to be fearful conformists instead of adventurous seekers of Love and Mystery." Explore how to move from our own private encounter with mysticism to living our ideals. This is service that calls for action.											
Aug 21	Ron Roesler	Ken	The Baseball Song	318, 360, 1074	Nola	Pat Lawrence & Nola	Larry	Dick H	6/7 11:13	58	
Description: <i>Just Who Are We, Anyway?</i> This will be an opportunity to look inward and consider who we are as UUs. We will take a look at UU doctrine and expectations as well as the glue that binds us together. And finally, we'll consider possibilities for an exciting future for our congregation.											
Aug 28	Rev Dennis	Terra	The Animal School	94, 123, 175	: Nola	Linda's students	Tom B	Terra	N/A? 11:08	39	\$229
Description: <i>Animal Blessing</i> Our lives are enriched by our connections to other animal species. Some of these animals inspire and enlighten us. Some live with us and sometimes we own them and sometimes they own us. Let us gather for our annual time set aside to celebrate honor and bless the animals in our lives. All are invited to bring a pet, or perhaps a photo of an animal that is special to you, domesticated or not, for a special ritual blessing											

September Theme: none identified Dedicated Offering: Sept 25 Habitat for Humanity					Earth Spirit Circle: Mabon / Autumnal Equinox						
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S # & min end time	Count	DO
Sep 4	Cynthia Trenshaw	Effie	Grandmother & Twins	6, 128, 354	Nola	Cynthia Morrow-Hatel	Conrad	Dick H	6/7 11:03	83	
Description: <i>Help or Serve? Succeed or Fail?</i> When encountering one who is marginalized – by illness, vulnerability, homelessness, or imprisonment – shall we help or shall we serve? Will we succeed or will we fail? Who decides? Join us in wrestling with questions without obvious answers. A forum after the service will continue the discussion											
Sep 11	Rev Dennis	Katy	N/A	100	Nola	Choir & Frank on trombone	Larry	Terra	N/A/ 11:15	??	
Description: <i>InGathering</i> Please join us for our annual Water Communion ritual. This date is significant and this is an important time in our congregational calendar as we begin a new church year. You are each invited to bring a small amount of water from on or around Whidbey Island that has deep significance for you ... or that you find sacred. The water may be from your rain barrel, your art studio, a beloved lake or beach, or perhaps from your kitchen. Your water can represent a special event or our special connection to our island home.											
Sep 18	Sarah Richards	John Long	The Farmer (Zen)	34, 83, Try to See it My Way	Nola	John Leaser	Larry	Mark	9/7 11:10	63	
Description: <i>The Spiritual Practice of Leadership</i> Can you get from the mundane to the divine on a committee? Sarah will ponder this question from her perspective as president of UUCWI.											
Sep 25	Rev Dennis	Sara H	Four Travellers	38, 170, 1073	Nola	Alex Bonesteel	Tom	John Leaser	10/10 11:13	66	\$488
Description: <i>Reflections on a Journey to Sacred Rock</i> I was honored to be part of a small Pacific Northwest UU delegation to the Standing Rock Sioux's tribal lands. There we joined people from 200 indigenous communities and tribal nations as part of efforts to halt an oil pipeline across sacred lands. I will share some of that experience, and how such actions shape us and help shape our shared future.											

October Theme: none Dedicated Offering: Oct 9 Haiti Flood Relief Oct 23 Organic Farm School					Earth Spirit Circle Oct 30 Samhain						
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S # & min end time	Count	DO
Oct 2	Video: Rev. Mark Stringer	Terra	Brave Girl	119, 134, 1008	Eileen	Talia Marcus	Tom	Terra	9/ 9 11:06	63	
Description: <i>Temperamentally Unfit?</i> The Rev. Stringer, minister of the UU congregation in Des Moines, returned from his sabbatical with a meditation on what it means to be human as the world seems to be going awry. His message seems particularly appropriate given the angst among some of us UUCWI congregants regarding the upcoming election. Rev Stringer is a gifted and stimulating speaker. You may recall that he delivered the sermon at the 2015 UUA General Assembly, which we watched during our June 26 service last spring											
Oct 9	Rev Dennis	Comm On Ministry	Little Engine That Could	188, 311, 347	Nola	Recorder Group	Matt	John & Donna	7/ 8 11:08	65	\$489
Description: <i>What Is a Healthy Congregation?</i> Conflicts inevitably arise in our own families — and in our congregational family. So, how do we live out our unique individual values within a covenanted congregational community? Is conflict okay? If so, how can we lovingly disagree? Let's explore how to disagree in love.											
Oct 12	EvenSong "Journey" w/Mavis and Effie									8	
Oct 16	Rev Amy Beltaine	Mavis	story of Spirit of Life	368, 397	Nola	Choir	Dave	Dick H	??? 11:05	71	
Description: <i>No Time Not To Love</i> There are those who would set fire to the world. It is indeed tempting to shake our fists and decry the "evil" of corporations. But how might we respond to sin with both compassion and strength? There is no time not to love. What might doing the work with love, with hospitality, look like in our daily lives? Universalist Clarence Skinner explored these ideas after World War II, as did Susan B. Anthony during her fight for women's and African Americans' right to vote. How do we find our own way during these years of transformation?											
Oct 23	Rev Dennis	Rick Weiss	Uncle Ry's Gift	352, 391, 1003	Nola	Deborah Koff-Chapin	Tom	Mark	10/ 7 11:15	78	\$386
Description: <i>Mind and Mindfulness: Exploring Intellect and Spirit</i> Sometimes the notions of spirit and intellect are seen as distinctly different aspects of our being. But many scientists and religious thinkers suggest this may be a false dichotomy. Let's explore diverse ways of answering the universal questions: "How do we know things?" and "How do we determine what is true?"											
Oct 30	Rabbi Olivier BenHaim	Dave C	Bird Feather Rainbow	6, 83, 118	Nola	Eileen	Mavis	John	6/ 5 11:08	49	
Description: <i>Noah – Hero or Villain?</i> The story of Noah and the Great Flood is probably one of the most known stories in the Western World. Noah, the Ark builder, singled out by God to save the animals from the flood. The Torah, the Jewish Bible, calls him "a righteous, wholehearted man in his generation [who] walked with God." But then one rabbi asks: "In his generation?"											

November Theme: none Dedicated Offering: November 12 Veteran's Resource Center					Earth Spirit Circle: Nov 1: All Saint's Day; Nov 2: All Soul's Day						
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S # & min end time	Count	DO
Nov 6	Rev Bill Graves	Mavis	Pres. Who Got Fed Up	134, 318	Nola	Coreen & Nola	Larry	Terra	5/5 11:03	69	
Description: <i>Keeping Faith No Matter What</i> This service will occur shortly before the end of an excruciatingly long and troubling exercise in "democracy in action". Regardless of the outcome our UU faith offers comfort and hope even as there is much work ahead. The heart of that faith for 450 years is a covenant with the community affirming our resistance to oppression, hate, fear and exclusion. Let us pick our selves up and recommit to that covenant. Rev. Bill Graves is a former president of UUCWI who went back to school and became ordained as a UU minister. He has served our congregations in Mount Vernon and Tacoma, and presently is part time minister of the Kittitas Valley UU Congregation in Ellensburg. He still resides most of the time on Whidbey Island. His wife is Frances Wood whose bird drawings were recently on display in the UUCWI foyer											
Nov 9	EvenSong: "Gratitude" w/Mavis and Joann									30 (day after the election)	
Nov 13	Rev Dennis	Gladys	The Problem	346, 1018	Eileen	Choir	Tom	Donna	13/16 11:11	68	\$475
Description: <i>Progress and Pain</i> The elections have come and gone. It's likely that none of us got just what we wanted. For some, our favored candidates and issues never made the ballot. Then those who consider themselves progressives were divided. Now that the results are in, how do we honor our fifth principle affirming our commitment to "the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process" as we seek to make our sixth principle, affirming the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all, a reality in the world?											
Nov 20	Rev Michael Dowd	John Long	talk about age of universe	21, 123, 360	Gladys	Gloria F-B	Dave	Mark	7/11 11:15	78	
Description: <i>Prophetic Inspiration for Chaotic, Challenging Times</i> We are stealing ravenously from the future. How did this dysfunctional relationship to posterity come about and what, if anything, can inspire us to active hope in the face of climate chaos and other global challenges?											
Nov 27		Effie	Every Day is Thanksgiving	123, 128, 360	Nola	Eileen	Larry	Terra & Effie	8/6 11:09	71	
Description: <i>Gratitude and Communion</i> This service adapts traditional liturgy and ritual to reflect Unitarian Universalist principles. Members of the congregation will share reflections on gratitude for the gift of life, Earth's bounty, and our commitment to peace, justice and love. Sharing Earth's fruits evokes gratitude and challenges us to care for those less fortunate.											

December Theme: Dedicated Offering: Dec 11 Whidbey Island Nourishes					Earth Spirit Circle: Dec 18 Yule (Winter Solstice) Dec 24: Hanukkah starts						
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S # & min end time	Count	DO
12/4	Terra, Sharon Parks & Larry Daloz		St Nicholas	224, 244, 1008	Nola	Laurie Riley	Tom	Terra	??/ 11:10	73	
Description: <i>Reclaiming the Holy in our Holidays</i> For many of us, the excesses of Madison Avenue have spoiled the magic and peace of our holiday season – we are overwhelmed by advertising and crowds of people. Where is the love, the space for peace and friendship, for singing and reflection? Please join Sharon Parks, Larry Daloz and Terra Anderson in an exploration of how each of us might begin reclaiming that which we most value about the holidays											
12/11	Rev Dennis	Sara H	Hymn 118	38, 160, 518	Nola	Nola	??	Dick H	8/ 12 11:13	48	\$345
Description: <i>Touchdown Jesus: an Exploration of Faith in Football</i> “It’s only a game,” and yet American football has a powerful impact on our schedules and culture. This Sunday we will explore the impacts of the game, its metaphorical role, its appeal, and the relationship between the sacred and the secular. This has been an intriguing season on the field and in our nation											
12/14	EvenSong “Christmas” w/Mavis & Lisa									17	
12/18		Mavis	N/A	224, 231, 237, 259	Tommie Eckert	Choir	Larry	Terra & Mavis	N/A	85	
Description: <i>No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant</i> Two narrators will tell the story and there will be Christmas carols for everyone to sing – supplemented by the choir. We will close the service with our Second Annual Hallelujah Chorus Sing! Accompanied by a recording of full orchestra and chorus, you’ll be invited to join in the singing. Sheet music will be available.											
12/24	Rev Dennis	Terra	N/A	256, 1 st Noel, Hark the Angels Sing, O Holy Night, 1061, Christman Morn, Silent Night	Heidi Hoelting	Coreen, Ladies from Choir	Tom	Terra	N/A	58	
Description: <i>Christmas Eve</i> All ages are invited to help fill our candlelit sanctuary with carols for our annual sunset celebration of the gifts of hope and love that the Christmas Story offers to us all											
12/25	Rev Dennis	Katy			Thomasa Eckert	N/A	Mavis			39? 45?	
Description: Christmas has only fallen on a Sunday one other time since we built our sanctuary. We will gather in a circle of camaraderie and love to sing, share stories and a holiday potluck brunch. So we can plan appropriately, please be sure to “sign up” in the foyer during the weeks prior. It will help to anticipate how many might attend.											

January Theme: Dedicated Offering: Jan 22 UU Voices for Justice Eastside Mosque					Earth Spirit Circle: Jan 29 th Imbolc						
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S # & min end time	Count	DO
Jan 1	Connie Barlow	John Leaser	talked about ancient trees	100, 120, 121	Nola	Recorders	Mavis	Terra	3/7 11:04	40	
Description: <i>World Views in Transition</i> In this time of economic and cultural unease, ecological overshoot, and frightening shifts in climate systems, long-accepted world views falter. What happens when the future we behold appears bleaker than our psyches are prepared to handle?											
Jan 8	Rev David Bieniek	Nydia	shared ritual	346, 347, 1009	Nola	Sue Baer & Nola	Conrad	Donna	6/8 10:57	80	
Description: <i>Rocks, Candles & Blessings</i> Can symbols and ritual unite us all at a deep level through a common spirituality? Rev. Bieniek is a Board Certified chaplain who works for WhidbeyHealth Hospice Care. Though rooted and ordained in Progressive Christianity, Dave has a true belief in a Common Spirituality that unites all living beings and he seeks to find and celebrate that connection through his work, studies and daily living. Most Sundays he worships at Trinity Lutheran Church											
Jan 11	EvenSong: Hope w/Mavis and Joann										8
Jan 15	Kate Davies	Effie	Enemy Pie	6, 146, 347	Nola	Choir	Larry	Terra & Mavis	2/6 11:01	82	
Description: <i>Intrinsic Hope</i> How can we be hopeful in these troubled times? How can we nurture and sustain hope when everything seems to be falling apart? Indeed, is it even possible to be hopeful about the future? In this sermon, Kate Davies will suggest that hope is an intrinsic quality of the human heart that enables us to make a positive response to the world, whatever happens. Following the service, there will be an open discussion forum.											
Jan 22	Rev Dennis	Gladys	There's a Nightmare in My Closet	1, 6, 119	Thomasa Eckert	Thomasa Eckert	John Leaser	Mark	8/10 11:04	52	\$374
Description: <i>What Is Evil?</i> In these post-inauguration days, let's explore the concept of evil. If there is such a malevolence, what is it? How might it manifest? How do we respond?											
Jan 29	Joseph Bednarik	Mavis	Heaven & Hell (Zen tale)	38, 121, 1008	Eileen	Eileen & Claudia Mitchell	Dave	Dick H	5/4 10:59	56	
Description: <i>What the Hell?</i> From the cover of Time magazine to the best-sellers list, a place called "Hell" is consistently in the public eye. What is hell, who's there, and why? Together we'll explore this most fascinating of theological places, while keeping the second U of Unitarian-Universalism pressed close to our hearts. Joseph Bednarik serves as the Pulpit Assistant at Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Port Townsend. His day-job is as Co-Publisher of Copper Canyon Press, a nonprofit literary publisher dedicated to poetry.											

February Theme: Dedicated Offering: Feb 12 Ryan's House					Earth Spirit Circle::						
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S # & min end time	Count	DO
Feb 5	Jane Hayes, John Leaser, Larry Morrell	Terra	Three Talents	108, 112, 482	Nola	Karin Blaine	Tom	Terra	10/ 12 11:11	60	
Description: <i>How Do We Show Up?</i> Many of us are feeling the call to action in a world gone awry. Although we may have no idea what to do, we hear the expression "just show up," and are told that "showing up" can be responsible for fully 80% of our success. What does this mean? Larry Morrell, Jane Hayes, and John Leaser will share their personal stories about the significance, challenges, and joys of their own "just showing up."											
Feb 8	EvenSong: Community w/Mavis & Dave Cauffman									8	
Feb 12	Rev Dennis	Katy	And Tango Makes Three	123, 131, 325	Nola	Choir	Dave C	Terra	7/ 10 11:13	71	\$535
Description: <i>Whom Do You Love?</i> We are shaped by love – both love given and love received. Lists of loved ones may be long or short, but whom we love shapes us and shapes our world view. Is our love focused and/or inclusive? How do our experiences shape the depth and breadth of love?											
Feb 19	Rev Bruce Bode	Rev Dennis	Red Bud Tree	391, 1011, 1064	Nola	Cynthia Morrow	Larry	Terra	?/ 9 11:14	71	
Description: <i>Realm & Experience of Mystery</i> The mystery of life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced," writes Aart Van Der Leeuw. We will explore what the "realm of mystery" is and isn't, the difference between "mystery" and "puzzle" and what this distinction means for how we live. Rev Bode, a native of Lynden, WA, is in his 13th year as minister of the Quimper UU Fellowship in Port Townsend. Bode has served as Interim Minister of First UU Church of Houston, TX, and the Hope UU Church in Tulsa, OK, and as associate minister at an independent, liberal congregation in Michigan. One of his special interests is facilitating adult poetry study groups. He is a graduate of Calvin College and Calvin Theological Seminary. Married to Flossie Boerema Bode, he has two daughters and a granddaughter who is one of this planet's loveliest creatures.											
Feb 26	Rev Bill Graves	John Long	The Quiltmaker's Gift	402, 1028	Nola	Claudia Mitchell & John Leaser	Mavis	Dick H	2/ 3 11:17	59	
Description: <i>Deciding What to do with the Rest of "Your One Wild & Precious Life(Sermon on the Amount)</i> Each of us in a sense is faced with that question (thank you, Mary Oliver) on the eve of the annual congregational canvass since money represents a form of life energy. Bill will suggest that the most profound answers to the question may be found where we are invited into consciousness of both wonder and suffering. Let us seek to sustain such a place. And, let us not build walls. Rev. Bill Graves is a former president of UUCWI who went back to school and became ordained as a UU minister. He has served our congregations in Mount Vernon and Tacoma, and presently is part time minister of the Kittitas Valley UU Congregation in Ellensburg. He still resides most of the time on Whidbey Island with his wife, Frances Wood											

March Theme: Dedicated Offering: Mar 12 Penn Cove Water Festival March 12: turn clocks forward					Earth Spirit Circle: Mar 19 Ostara (Spring Equinox)						
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S # & min end time	Count	DO
Mar 5	Rev Barbara Cornell	Gladys	O The Thinks You Can Think	1, 140, 187	Nola	Beverly Graham	John Leaser	Mark	?/ 7 11:05	75- 85?	
Description: <i>The Importance of Thinking?</i> Having asked myself this question many times over the past year, I'm now thinking about thinking. I've learned it's much too easy to see the error in other people's thinking, but much harder to reflect on our own. The more we learn about the thinking process, the more we learn how hard it is to do well. Join us today for a reflection on the incredible complexity of thinking clearly and how history teaches us that <i>everything</i> depends on us doing it well. Rev. Barbara Cornell provides chaplain and bereavement services at Swedish Hospital in Edmonds, WA. She has a special interest in mental health and addiction issues. Barbara is an affiliated community minister with the Shoreline UU Church. She is devoted to thinking as clearly as she possibly can.											
Mar 8	EvenSong "Community (continued)" w/Mavis & Lisa									16	
Mar 12	Rev Dennis	Jane	King Midas' Touch	16, 38, 352	Nola	Steve Showell & Joanne Rouse	Larry	Dick H	4/ 9 11:08	69- 71	\$289
Description: <i>How much is enough?</i> It seems we spend our lives constantly seeking more. Sometimes it's more stuff: more art, more stylish clothes, more delicious food, or, for many Unitarian Universalists, more books. We seek greater security through a larger savings account or annuity, a smaller mortgage, or better insurance. Sometimes we seek greater knowledge so we study and then we study some more. Continually striving to do more can also be a challenge. Should we lessen our seeking and perhaps just be? If so, how can we do that?											
Mar 19	Aaron Taggart Myrya Grace	Effie	Gramma's Magic Seeds	Now the Green Blade Rises; 311	Nola	Mara Grey	Tom	Terra	Silent 4 min/ 11:03	64	
Description: <i>Vernal Equinox: A Still Point of Balance</i> UU sources of inspiration include the "spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions, which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature." Members of UUCWI's Earth Spirit Circle will share their experience of ways Pagan wisdom teaches us about living in balance in our relationships with others, with ourselves, and with the natural world. You are invited to explore the Vernal Equinox as a celebration of the tipping point of balance from darkness into light, from coldness into warmth, from resignation into hope.											
Mar 26	Rev Dennis	Sara H	The Bright Orange Spot	95, 134, 188	Nola	Deborah K-C	Dave	Dick H	11/ 13 11:15	65	
Description: <i>Practicing Love No Matter What</i> In these troubling times, to be loving and to trust in human nature can be a challenge. With so much discord and disagreement how might we find common ground or even remain civil? Is there somewhere we can practice? Might this Congregation be that place?											

April Theme: Earth and Ocean Month Dedicated Offering: Apr 30 Small Miracles					Earth Spirit Circle celebration Apr 30 Beltaine (May Day) Apr 9 Palm Sunday: Apr 10 Passover starts: Apr 14 Good Friday						
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S # & min end time	Count	DO
Apr 2:	Larry Ward (Buddhist)	Orion & Dennis	Stone Soup Chinese Style	83, 123	Nola	Julie Pigott	Conrad	Mark	3/7 11:15	95	
Description: <i>Royal Ease – Fierce Equanimity</i> In this very moment love abides in our bones ... healing and transforming the wounds of time. This is an opportunity to celebrate the individual and collective awakening of a new consciousness of fierce equanimity. Whatever our concerns or needs, we can open our hearts to the call for this embodiment. Larry Ward holds a PhD in religious studies with a major in Buddhism. He is the Director of The Lotus Institute, a consultant, teacher, social artist, and he mentors ministerial students and Zen priests in the Order of Interbeing founded by Thich Nhat Hanh.											
Apr 9	Andrea Fink	Eileen Soskin	Talking about languages	1033, 401, 1031	Nola	Coreen Beckman	Larry	Dick H	3/4 10:59	75	
Description: <i>YOU are the wind under our wings: Immigrant Rights are Human Rights.</i> Founded in 1984, NWIRP (Northwest Immigrant Rights Project) provides legal services to immigrants and works to change systems of injustice. NWIRP serves over 10,000 individuals annually. In these perilous and uncertain times, when immigrant rights are under attack from our federal government, NWIRP's work is both more challenging and more important than ever. UUCWI member Andrea Fink has worked at NWIRP since 2015. She will share stories as well as significant fears and hopes of the present moment and offer suggestions for action and effective resistance to agendas that do not recognize the basic human rights of immigrants.											
Apr 12	EvenSong "Mindfulness" w/Mavis & Sandy										13
Apr 16	Rev Dennis	Rick W	Uncle Eil's Special-for-kids, ... Haggadah	123, 1042	Nola	Choir	Dave	Terra	9/8 11:08	80	
Description: <i>Then and Now: Traditions and Implications</i> This year, the Jewish celebration of Passover and the Christian celebration of Easter overlap. As we celebrate, let's explore how these ancient stories offer guidance that can help in current times.											
Apr 23	Tandi Rogers	Dennis	People of the Pennies	121, 1014, 1028	Eileen	Eileen	Tom	Donna	7/ 10:58	76	
Description: <i>Being UU in These Times.</i> The veil has been lifted on many painful truths this year and Rev. Tandi Rogers believes that not only have we been practicing for these times, but also that we are made for these times. We have spiritual practice aspects of our tradition that can hold and inspire us to be bold forces for love and justice in the world. Come get your spiritual well filled! Rev. Tandi Rogers is a Congregational Life Staff member for the Pacific Western Region of the UUA. She writes, preaches, and speaks widely about growth and religious innovation, and teaches at Meadville-Lombard Theological School, contributes to the Growing UU blog											
Apr 30	Rev Dennis	Jane	Zen Tales	Keepers of the Earth, 1073	Nola	Island Strings	Conrad	Mark	No J&S 11:01	75	\$437
Description: <i>After Earth Day</i> Many communities across our country recently celebrated Earth Day. Here on our island, April was Earth and Ocean Appreciation. What do we do now? Perhaps a deeper embrace of our Unitarian Universalist 7th Principle's affirmation of the interdependent web of all existence and the Buddhist philosophy of interbeing can help us determine our next steps.											

May Theme: Dedicated Offering: May 13 Women for Women					Earth Spirit Circle::						
Date	Speaker	W-L	Story	Hymns	Accom	Special	Sound	Set up	J&S # & min end time	Count	DO
May 7	Long Range Planning Team	John Long	A Chair for my Mother	121, 423	Nola	Nola	Mavis	Donna	7/7 11:06	78	
Description: <i>Creating Our Future: the MVCp</i> What is the future of liberal religion on Whidbey Island? What do you imagine, hope and dream for our UU congregation and its place within our wider community? MVCp stands for Mission-Vision-Covenant-plan. Notice we do not capitalize plan, as this is an emerging and ever-evolving conversation. Your presence at this service is critical! Without you, we have no future. Together we will do some soul-searching, listening to one another and finding ways of shaping a future that embraces all of us. Worship leaders are the Long Range Planning Team: Mary Goolsby, Orion Gudgell, Jane Hayes, Paula Keohane, John Long, and Larry Morrell											
May 10	EvenSong "Mary Oliver" w/Mavis & Joann								10 very happy people		
May 14	Rev Dennis & Myra Grace	Gladys	Love You Forever	8, 10, 409	Nola	Jeannette d'Armand	Mavis	Dick H	No J&S 11:02	62	\$386
Description: <i>Mothers Day: Reflections and Gratitude</i> Mothering is a special unique kind of loving nurture that has fed us all, both as recipients and as givers. On this day, let us explore how the role of motherhood and the diverse ways it is made real can evolve and change both over time and through different passages in our lives. with Myra Grace											
May 21	Tom Ewell	Mavis	T'ai Chi – story of its beginning	108, 123, 352, 1008, 1064	Nola	Congregation itself	Dave	Terra	5/5 10:52	72	
Description: <i>My Life Flows On</i> We are afloat in an unpredictable and dangerous sea of time. We are often sad, angry, and weary from its threat and harm. But day to day we also celebrate the precious fullness and beauty of life around us and the blessings of family and community, and we carry on often lifted with laughter and song. Bio: Tom Ewell is a Whidbey Island Quaker who promotes strategic peace building through his work on disarmament, criminal justice reform, legislative advocacy, and mediation. Tom lives in Clinton with his wife, writer Cathy Whitmire. He writes a weekly blog, "Saturday Evening Post" at www.tomewell.com/blog/											
May 28	Rev Dennis & Lisa SidersKenney	Terra	Grandmothers' Gift of Birth	100, 101, 1008	Nola	choir	Tom	Terra	N/A 11:00	73	
Description: <i>Remembering our Beloveds</i> . Every year, on the Sunday before Memorial Day, we honor those who have departed our lives and left footprints in our hearts. This year our ceremony will be enhanced by a special art installation by Lisa Siders Kenney, hung that weekend especially for this service. As in years past, there will be time to light candles for our absent loved ones. Pictures or talismans you bring to honor them will be carefully (and temporarily) incorporated by Lisa into her art. You may also bring words of memory on a 3x5" card to be shared during the ceremony. There will be time to write during the service, but if you are like us, doing so in advance may be more satisfying.											

June Theme: Dedicated Offering: Jun 11 Senior Services					Earth Spirit Circle: June 18 Litha (Summer Solstice)						
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Jun 4	Imam Jamal Rahman	Dave C	A Mulah story	335, 352, 607	Nola	Deborah K-C	Conrad	Terra	7/6 11:09	87	
Description: <i>Spiritual Insights and Practices for Challenging Times</i> In these times of polarization, anger, fear and confusion, Jamal will share Sufi perspectives on ways to transform ego, open heart and connect with the other on a human level. Jamal will also offer teaching stories and practices to hopefully soften anger and diminish fear. Deborah Koff-Chapin will provide special music with her crystal singing bowls and vocal improvisations.											
Jun 11	Rev Dennis	Sara Heath	The Carrot Seed	347, 352, 723, 1000	Eileen	Alex Eileen	Conrad	Terra	5/4 min 11:05	45	\$340
Description: <i>The Seeds We Sow</i> In many UU congregations a flower communion heralds summer's arrival, yet before things blossom and grow, seeds must be planted, watered and weeded. Join us for a "Seed Communion" as we explore all that may sprout and grow within our minds and within our hearts. It may be new interests we hope to nurture or old habits we might want to weed out. Summer can be a season of new beginnings in our individual lives and for our congregational community. So, let's plant some seeds and see what grows											
Jun 18	This I Believe	Terra	It's not what you believe, it's How	1052, 1073	Nola	Crocket & Snail	Tom	Terra	6/5 min 11:09	65	
Description: <i>This I Believe Roots hold me close, Wings set me free</i> Our annual This I Believe service is always a favorite. We ask a few members to expound on the personal beliefs and values that guide their every-day living. This year's service will feature Tabitha Pierzchala, Conrad Romberg, and Rick Weiss. They will share their religious "roots" and how they have found their "wings" in Unitarian Universalism. Each has had a unique journey and each embraces a different aspect of the spirit of UU.											
Jun 25	Video – 2016 GA sermon	Effie & Rick	Story of Spirit of Life	123, 402	Nola	Claudia	Tom	Terra	N/A 10:50	37	
Description: GA Sunday Once a year thousands of UUs from around the country gather for our General Assembly (GA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association) through democratic process. This year the Cauffmans and Reynolds will attend in New Orleans. The rest of us who stay on Whidbey will have a glimpse of their experience by watching a video of last year's Sunday sermon, delivered by Rev Nancy McDonald Ladd, of the River Road UU Congregation in Bethesda, Maryland. "In All Thy Getting, Get Understanding": <i>What do we enter into congregational life hoping to get? So many things, perhaps - but underneath the consumer's idea of acquisition is the pull to a deeper encounter with the experience, hope, heartbreak and yearning of others in community. Can we be a place of deep encounter where borders are crossed and faiths connect, where real stories and real struggle intersect and understanding arises anew?</i>											