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This Sunday's Service
November 26th, 2023 10am
Let Us Be Thankful

Effie Brown
With Carolyn Goodenough,
Gary Hattal,
Kate Nunn
and guest musician,
Heidi Hoelting and Sue Baer
Please join us in person or on
Zoom.

Let us be thankful for the people and experiences that challenge us to change and grow, to recognize what is enough, and to see the beauty in ordinary people and things.

Service Link

If you have trouble joining our Zoom meeting, email webmaster@uucwi.org for help.



Next Sunday's Service

December 3rd, 2023 10am
Compassion Fatigue: The Toll
of Caring Too Much

Rev. Kate Lore
with Dr Kate Sheppard
and worship leader Terra
Anderson.

Special Music: Celia Farran

As a community of people rooted in compassion, in a world of seemingly endless causes, how do we possibly manage to focus our time, energy and resources to effectively make a change without completely burning ourselves out? The service will include the option of participating in a Weeping Bowl ritual-either virtually or in-person.



This Week's Calendar

[Click here](#) to view our full UUCWI
Calendar.

Click on blue titles for Zoom link.

Check out our [Members and
Friends Facebook Page](#).

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Friday, November 24

Saturday, November 25

Sunday, November 26

10:00 [Worship Service](#) (Zoom & In Person)

Monday, November 27

1 - 3:15pm Chime Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, November 28

3:30 - 4:30pm [Caring Circle](#)

Wednesday, November 29

10am - Noon [Men's Group](#)

11am - 12:30pm Women's Group (Cascade Room)

Noon - 5pm Auction Work Party (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 30

11am - noon [Stewardship](#) (Zoom)

Noon - 5pm Auction Work Party (Sanctuary)

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Announcements and News



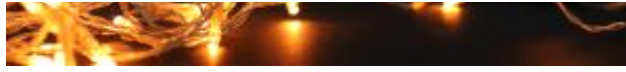


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CELEBRATING COMMUNITY Services Auction

Saturday, December 2, 2023, 5-8pm

What will you bring to our celebration on December 2?

No donation is too **BIG** or too *small*!

We need your contribution by Thanksgiving.

It's easy!

Pick up a donation form at the church and either email the form to auction@uucwi.com or return the copy the following Sunday.

or

Follow [this link](#) to a form and submit:

or

Go to **Activities** on our UUCWI Website.

Find **Auction Donation Form** in the dropdown menu.

Fill it out and click "submit."

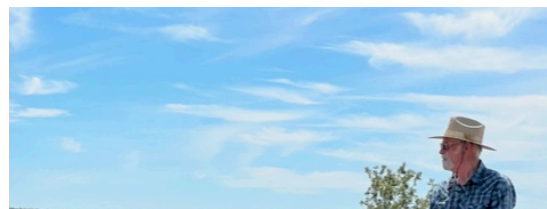
Tickets and Info will allow you to purchase an admission ticket and check out the donations on offer so far.

We are counting on you to make this a success!

Auction Committee

auction@uucwi.org

Gary Hattal, Frances Wood, Bill Graves, Kate Nunn





**Tim Keohane
Celebration of Life
December 2, 10am at UUCWI**

It is with profound sorrow that I pass on the following message: Longtime and beloved UUCWI member, Tim Keohane, was killed last Thursday (Nov. 9) in a farm machinery accident on the Whidbey Island property he and wife, Paula, share. Tim and Paula's lives have focused on commercial fishing in Alaska in the summer and managing their Whidbey horse farm the rest of the year. Paula's family is with her as they try to cope with such a sudden and unexpected loss. There will be a celebration of life service at UUCWI Saturday, December 2 at 10am.

Paula welcomes cards, letters, or text messages (apparently some glitch exists with receiving emails).

Bill Graves,
UUCWI Pastoral Care Team

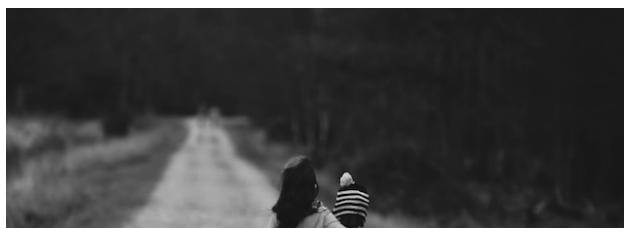




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Pastoral Care & Connections at UUCWI

UUCWI offers comfort and presence when times of trauma and distress touch our lives. We have a pastoral care team which includes Rev. Kate Lore, our interim minister for pastoral care. If you or someone you know might benefit from this offering please consider contacting our coordinator, Bill Graves, at pastor@uucwi.org.

UUCWI also has a Caring Connections team that can provide needed short-term support of a logistical nature (food, a ride to medical, etc.). To make requests email Mavis Cauffman, our coordinator of these types of services, at caringconnections@uucwi.org.

Send in your website content and pictures!





The Visual Arts Committee invites you to attend a reception for the

WHIDBEY BEARDS PROJECT
Friday, December 8th 6pm

After a year-and-a-half, the project has finally been published as a book! There will be two hard copies to exhibit but the rest of the press run, 247 copies, are in a container ship on their way from Shenzhen China. They may arrive Christmas week or the first week of January at the latest. In the meantime, come to the reception where we will show each page of the book projected on a large screen with some commentary. Many of the "beards" plan to attend, some wearing the costumes depicted in their portraits. Also, there will be large canvas prints of nine portraits in the foyer as you enter the church. It should be a great time!

The book itself is large: 11 1/4" x 12 1/4", 74 pages with 62 photographs, hardbound with a spiffy dust cover. The final price will be \$64.95 + sales tax and shipping if required.

UUCWI 2023-2024 ARTIST SERIES
FALL SEASON

Upcoming Concert

Whidbey Island String Trio
Saturday, December 9th 7pm

Whidbey Island String Trio



Gideon Freudmann Gloria Ferry-Brennan Aniela Marie Perry

a musical nod to the past and leap toward the future

Saturday Dec 9 @ 7 PM

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
20103 WA-525, Freeland, WA

suggested donation at the door \$25

Presented by Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island Artist series

We are happy to offer a concert by this new musical group on Whidbey Island, known as WIST. The Whidbey Island String Trio is a chamber group whose music is a nod to the past and leap toward the future. Gideon, Gloria and Aniela all have a classical foundation and love for musical adventure. Their repertoire includes elegant waltzes, playful blues with forays into bossa nova, swing, hoedowns, and fiddle tunes. Their concerts combine delicate elegance with spontaneous exuberance. [Cow Buoy video](#)

Musicians are:

Cellist Gideon Freudmann, cellist and composer whose music appears in TV and film. He is a TED Talks speaker a contributor to NPR and 'This American Life'. He has composed music for film and dance and toured in Europe, Asia Australia and throughout the U.S.

Violinist Gloria Ferry-Brennan has an illustrious career as a soloist performing with several distinguished orchestras and winning classical competitions. Gloria plays with passion and elegance and is a beloved musical treasure.

Cellist Aniela Marie Perry lived in Los Angeles for over 20 years where she collaborated with a veritable Who's Who in the music world and performed on numerous feature film and television scores. She is also an accomplished bass player.

Suggested donation of \$25 at the door.

Sing the Hallelujah Chorus

Sunday Service, December 10th



At the Dec 10 Holiday service, you'll be invited to join in singing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah. If you would like to brush up on your part, check our website, click on Choir under the Activities menu item at UUCWI.ORG or click [here](#). You'll find a link to the recording we'll sing along with, sheet music, and audio rehearsal files for all parts. Come join the fun!





Holiday Cheer

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
3-5 PM at UUCWI

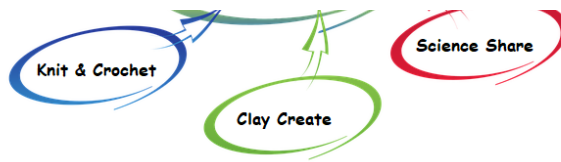
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The Pastoral Care Team
UU Congregation
of Whidbey Island

Bring a holiday memory or story to share!

Cookies & warm drinks provided

ALL ARE WELCOME!





2nd Hour Initiative

After Sunday Services
11:30 - 12:30

Members and Friends, please suggest topics for discussion, crafts, music share, etc. by [emailing](#).

2H November 26 No activities planned

End of the Month Potlucks

Our End of the Month potlucks will pause for the holiday season. We will resume the potlucks on January 28th, 2024. Time flies so fast - 2024 would you believe?



Image by DJ Winebrinner

Women's Group

All Meetings 11:00am - 12:30pm

Wednesdays In Person at Various Locations

May be at a variety of impromptu locations by group members for activities together like having coffee, shopping, walking trails, visit studio or nurseries, going out to eat, etc. Sign up on our email list to receive those

INVITES. CONTACT DJ WINEBRINNER by phone or email.

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UUCWI Initiative News

[New Initiative Proposal Form Link](#)

Mission Group Liaisons	
Spiritual Development <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visual Arts Committee• Music Committee• Worship Committee	Toyon Copeland
Member Service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership• Library• Engagement Development	Clara <u>Beier</u>
Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tech Team• Internet	Janet Garrow
Building and Grounds	John Long and Don Winebrinner
Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finance• Stewardship	Lois Chowen
Community Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Initiatives• Social Justice	Rommel Nunn

Native Connections Initiative



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NOVEMBER IS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH. Be sure to check out our NCI November Newsletter for numerous activities, events, films, podcasts, books, and articles. Numerous opportunities have arisen since the first of the month. Check more resources out below!

RECORDING OF NCI MEETING, TWO RIVERS DOCUMENTARY, DISCUSSION WITH CAROLYN AND GLENN SCHMEKLE,

On November 8. If you missed our monthly meeting, watch it [here](#)!

REPORT: RISE UP NORTHWEST CONVENING (R.U.N.):

The Nez Perce Tribe convened with numerous PNW tribes at the Tulalip Casino on Nov 1 & 2 for a summit to protect Orca, Salmon and the waters they depend upon. [Read more.](#)

Here are links to recordings of selected sessions of the conference:

DAY 1 [RECORDING](#): Start at minute 44 with Amy Cordalis.

DAY 2, PART 1, [RECORDING](#)

DAY 2, PART 2, [RECORDING](#)

AMERICAN INDIAN PERSPECTIVES ON THANKSGIVING:

For children and other curious humans. Read [here](#).

MOON OF THE DOG SALMON:

Children of the Setting Sun Productions brings us stories and activities for each of the 13 Moons. Much of November is known as **The Moon of the Dog Salmon.**

Elaine Grinnel of the Jamestown S'klallam brings us the story, *Why the Dog Salmon Has a Hook on his Nose.* [Watch here,](#) start at minute **6.29** for the story.

INDIGENOUS NEWS SOURCES: If you'd like to stay current on the news from Indigenous people and their communities, here are some excellent sources:

[Native News Online](#)

[Indian Country Today](#)

[High Country News, Indigenous Affairs](#)

[Seattle Crosscut, Indigenous Affairs](#)

Supporters of United Student Leaders Initiative



Thankstaking

Last week was Thanksgiving, a holiday which focuses on a myth of friendship and friendly relations that ignores the genocide and violence against Indigenous people. It is critical we transform the American education system to eliminate whitewashed history and focus on the true history of America. We must remember whose land we are on and continue protecting the rights of Indigenous people. Additional Educational Resources:

[The True Dark History of Thanksgiving](#)

[The Rise of Thankstaking](#)

SWSD Bond

The South Whidbey School District Bond has passed by a margin of 60.29%! There will be a recount on November 28th to verify the vote. The bond will fund new sidings on South Whidbey High School, a new stadium and turf field, accessible and ADA compliant also play equipment for the elementary school, and many other much needed items. The improvements will provide a learning environment that the future of our community deserves.

Future of USL

During our Tuesday member meeting, we met with a group of students interested in the ideas and values upheld by USL and our current projects. Many new students decided to become a part of USL. The excitement and

many new students decided to become a part of UCL. The excitement and enthusiasm encourages us to keep pushing for meaningful change.

Audrey Gmerek, Claire Philp, Naomi Atwood, and Carter McKnight on behalf of US,

*edited for time and space relevance and submitted by UUCWI liaison Gary Piazzon



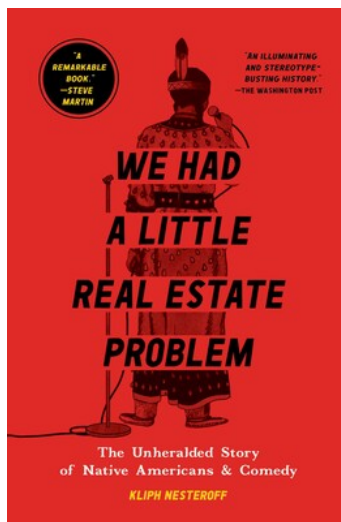
Members and Friends Facebook Group

UUCWI has a Members and Friends Facebook Group to encourage sharing information, resources, and discussions. Check it out [here](#).

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Social Environmental Justice

"Truth is a navigational term." Swil Kanim, Lummi



Surge: Mapping Transition, Displacement and Agency in Times of Climate Change"- "The Museum of Northwest Art (MONA) in La Conner is featuring an important exhibit on the anticipated and current impacts of Climate/Ocean

Crisis on our area especially in and around the Skagit watershed. This is a collaboration of artists and scientist to tell the story in a way that speaks on many levels. Surge is free and will be there until January 21, 2024. For details click [here](#).

Checkout FNX - In Honor and Appreciation of Native American heritage Month and Indigenous People's Day we invite you to explore the programing available on FNX First nations Experience channel #334. This is a PBS station which featuring historic, art & entertainment programming from here and abroad. There are dramas, food & art shows as well as documentaries all commercial free.

Books to honor Native American Heritage Month:

[Poet Warrior](#) by 3 time poet laureate and Muskogee Joy Harjo- a brilliant raw and profound biography with insight into the American indigenous experience.

[We had a Little Realestate Problem](#) by comedy historian Kllph Nesterhoff. Rated "Best Book of 2021" by NPR and *Esquire* Funny and profoundly pertinent, the title *is* from the punch line of a joke by an early stand up comic, Charlie Hill. *"My people are from Wisconsin. We used to be from New York. We had a little real estate problem."* He appeared many times on Johnny Carson.

*humbly and gratefully submitted by UUCWI member Gary Piazzon

Submissions

UUCWI Weekly E-News

Purpose: To remind and inform UUCWI congregation & visitors of upcoming services and church-related events.

Published: Weekly, sent Fridays at 5:00 a.m. via MailChimp.

Deadline: All submissions must be sent to editor by **WEDNESDAY AT NOON** for the current week's publication.

Submissions:

- Be direct and concise in your announcement.
- Think of what, when, where, and why. Suggest a short headline.
- Avoid using acronyms or abbreviations. If you do, define your acronym or abbreviation in your first use, like this: *Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island (UUCWI)*.
- You may include a graphic if you would like but must credit the artist/source.
- Do not use personal emails or telephone numbers. Contact admin@uucwi.org if you would like to arrange contact information for your item.

Topics:

- Worship Services and congregational news
- Messages from the Minister
- Board of Trustees and UUCWI Official Notices
- Committee, Initiative and Program news submitted with the approval of the Chair, Initiative or Program Leader
- UUA information
- Local events UUCWI sponsors

To avoid duplicating other Island announcement services, like Drew's List, we will not accept notices for community events, unless UUCWI is a sponsor of, or a congregant is a participant in, the event.

Editing: The eNews editor will review each submission. Any post needing substantive editing will be returned and will need to be re-submitted.

**All submissions for eNews are due by
WEDNESDAY AT NOON.**

Please send all submissions to UU Staff at admin@uucwi.org

Thank you!



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