



**The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island
Weekly News**

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This Sunday's Service
December 31st, 2023 10am
New Year's Eve Service
How to Make a
New Year's Resolution -
Advice from a Pro

Ken Merrell

**With Mark Simpson, Worship
Leader**

**Please join us in person or on
Zoom.**

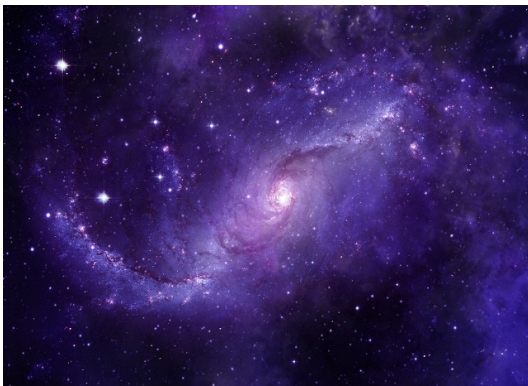
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Thinking about making a few New Year's resolutions? How did last year's fare? Always good to think through what you are asking of yourself. Ken Merrill will talk about the ways the word "resolution" is used. The word means one thing to a musician and something totally different to a chemist.

and the primary meaning to clarity and completeness. Now will challenge the congregation to seek clarity and completeness instead of making promises to the New Year.

Service Link

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



Next Sunday's Service
January 7, 2023 10am

Stargazers, Lightseekers

Rev. Dr. Catherine Foote

**With Ruth Richards,
Worship Leader
and Karen Heather,
Special Music**

**Please join us in person or on
Zoom.**

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The Christian tradition, and most especially the Eastern Orthodox Church, celebrates January 6th as Epiphany. It is a remembrance of the fabled visit of Magi, being led by a star, to honor the birth of a new monarch. Rev. Dr. Catherine Foote will use that story as a launching point to speak about the season we have just entered, one of lengthening daylight, and of the need to carefully tend our own inner balance of light and shadow.

Rev. Dr. Catherine Foote has lived on Whidbey Island for over twenty years. For most of that time she commuted to Seattle where she served as a pastor at University

ministry and can now focus on tending the small flock of sheep on her Simon farm.
Catherine is the author of "Shepherding the Seasons, Stories of a Life with Two Flocks."



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, December 29

Saturday, December 30

Sunday, December 31

10am [Worship Service](#) (In Person and on Zoom)

Monday, January 1 New Years Day

Tuesday, January 2

11 - 12am [Visual Arts Committee](#) (Zoom)

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

Wednesday, January 3

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

11am - 12:30pm Women's Group (Various Locations)

Thursday, January 4

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

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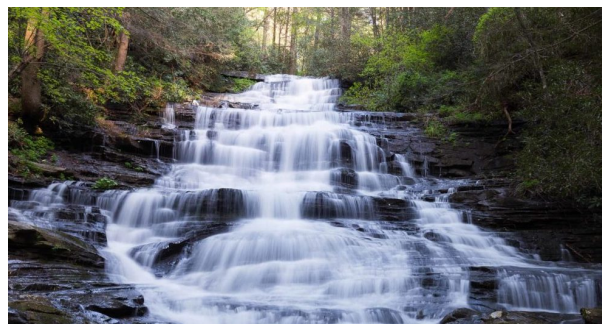
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Pastoral Care & Connections at UUCWI

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!



New Gallery Show The Natural World

"The Natural World" is celebrated in the newest UU Gallery show. During the cold winter months of January and February, our Gallery will keep us warm with beautiful pastel images created by Annette Hanna. This show

and often come together in an expression of admiration for the world in which we live.

3rd Sunday Dinners

After Sunday Services
at China City in Freeland
11:30 - 12:30

We're going back to China City and their large round table to enjoy each other's company, have quite a good number of laughs and share plates of Chinese food, family style! **Every third Sunday**, at 11:30, please join us at China City. Often, we've played a game with our little printed fortunes and found even more laughs. We'll begin in January on the 21st. Happy New Year!

End of the Month Potlucks

Our End of the Month potlucks have been cancelled in favor of 3rd Sunday dinners.



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

invites. Contact DJ Winebrinner by phone or email.

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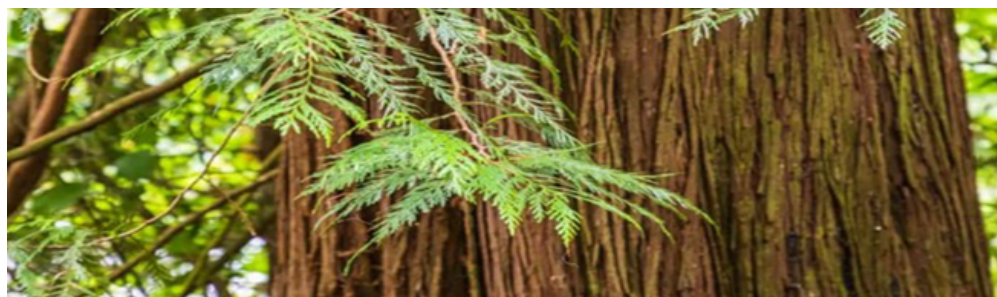
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UUCWI Initiative News

[New Initiative Proposal Form Link](#)

Mission Group Liaisons	
Spiritual Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual Arts Committee • Music Committee • Worship Committee 	Toyan 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



your inbox.

INDIGENOUS CALENDARS:

Two ways to explore the Indigenous calendars that are logical to the Peoples who have close relationships with our local, natural environment.

[SAMISH 13 MOONS:](#) For the Samish, after the *Moon of Putting the Paddles Away* (November), December is the *Moon of the Elders*.

[SWINOMISH 13 MOONS PROJECT:](#) **Children of the Setting Sun Productions** brings us stories and activities on YouTube for each of the 13 Moons. To the Swinomish Tribe, much of December is the *Moon to Put Your Paddles Away*, followed by the *Moon of the Sacred Time*.
Moon of the Sacred Time.

TOKITAE CONTINUES TO MAKE THE NEWS

[The Washington Post](#) recently published an excellent article about the life, death, and legacy of Tokitae.

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



Annual Fundraiser

United Student Leaders is hosting our annual fundraiser to support youth

Washington State and organizing an educational youth climate summit to network and connect with students in the area. **Please help us meet our goal of \$7,500 by December 31st. Fill out the form [linked here](#) to contribute now!** and thank-you for your support.

Happy New Year & thanks for all your support for USL. We look forward to great things in 2024 submitted on behalf of USL by Gary Piazzon
USL/UUCWI liaison



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



Wishing you all a hopeful, healthful, compassionate community filled 2024

Holidays Gifts to the Future...

Ask President Biden to Tighten Pollution Standards. Join Interfaith Power & Light in urging the President and EPA to tighten pollution standards. The Climate/Ocean crisis targets communities of color and historically vulnerable communities who are more likely to experience health impacts because of carbon pollution. The President and the Administrator of the EPA both must do more to finalize the rules safeguarding our communities and our Common Home. [Sign our petition calling on them to finalize pollution standards by May!](#)

Take the Earth Bill Pledge- officially known as "The Earth Act to Stop Climate Pollution by 2030", was [introduced in the 118th Congress](#) It is a visionary, science-based law to mandate an end to climate pollution at the source - at the industry level - on the timeline required to save ourselves and the future. Learn more [here](#).

Join the Solutionary Rail Train: SR is gaining momentum championing creative changes in commercial and passenger rail. It is a win for salmon, orca, tribes and climate. Learn more [here](#).

Benefits of High Speed Passenger Rail -[A Study](#) by the International Council on Clean Transportation found that if the USA invested in high-speed rail 54 percent of domestic flights could be replaced by train travel.

The pandemic could have eased the [impacts of flying](#).

In the spring of 2020, as the [coronavirus](#) swept over the globe, air travel disappeared. Airlines flew empty "ghost flights" to retain airport slots. Airport terminals were deserted. And the planet-warming [emissions](#) from aviation also plummeted — to less than half their [2019 levels](#). As the pandemic wore on, workers grew accustomed to Zoom meetings and virtual conferences; families opted to take driving trips instead of getting on cross-country flights. Some climate experts and activists wondered if the shift in transportation would have long-term effects — transforming the way Americans travel for work and vacation.

[Should Mass Transit Be Free?](#) It boosts economic opportunity and social

"When we think we sit down. When we act we stand up. When prayers are actions, miracles can happen." Richard Mazza, Delta 5 plaintiff

submitted with hope and humility 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

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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