

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island Weekly News

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This Sunday's Service January 28, 2023 10am

Living with Moral Injury Rev. April Frazier With Mark Simpson, Worship Leader and Eileen Soskin, Special Music

Please join us in person or on Zoom.

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Moral injury is a human condition, suffered as a part of living in a world where we, others and the earth are harmed by actions or the failure to act. How do we integrate

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what keeps us going, brings us together, and find ways for healing.

Service Link

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



Next Sunday's Service February 4, 2023 10am

Habitable Alien Worlds Rev. Amanda Aikman With Terra Anderson, Worship Leader and Eileen Soskin, Special Music

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Why are habitable exoplanets bad news for humanity? What would it mean to discover that we are not alone in the universe?



This Week's Calendar

<u>Click here</u> to view our full UUCWI Calendar. Click on blue titles for Zoom link.

Check out our <u>Members and</u> <u>Friends Facebook Page</u>.

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Saturday, January 27

Sunday, January 28

10am Worship Service (In Person and on Zoom)

Monday, January 29

Tuesday, January 30 3:30 - 4:30pm Caring Circle

Wednesday, January 31

10am - Noon <u>Men's Group</u> 11am - 12:30pm Women's Group (Various Locations)

Thursday, February 1

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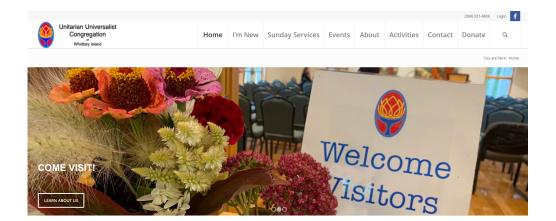
Announcements and News



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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 <u>pastor@uucwi.org</u>. of a logistical nature (food, a ride to medical, etc.). To make requests email Jane Hayes, our interim coordinator of these types of services, at <u>caringconnections@uucwi.org</u>.



Launch of Rebuilt Website January 29th & 30th

As you know, there is an initiative to rebuild our current website <u>https://www.uucwi.org.</u> Our web site is UUCWI's face to the public. It is an important way of communicating who we are and what we do as a congregation.

Rebuilding the website seemed necessary because our current website is facing some technical challenges and no longer adapts very well to the requirements related to mobile devices such as smart phones and tablets. Younger generations who grew up with the internet expect any website to be available on any device - from all sorts of mobile phones to traditional desktop computers. In addition to being technically up to date, the rebuilt website will offer some new capabilities and options.

We are glad to announce that we are ready to launch the new, rebuilt website on Monday, January 29th and Tuesday, January 30th . During these two days, the website will not always be available.

Starting Wednesday, January 31st accessing uucwi.org will bring up the new website. You should find the same type of information as you did on the current site – just in a more modern and more flexible format.

A big THANK YOU to all of you who in the past months and weeks provided updated

forward. In addition, please provide your feedback about user-friendliness, format, and content of the new site.

Once the new website has been launched, we will incrementally introduce some of the new capabilities: user accounts for UUCWI members and friends, online sign-up sheets supporting various activities, ...

Thank you again for all the support and encouragement you have provided to the Website Rebuilt Initiative. Thank you!

Vigil for

Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief.

Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now.

The heart of humanity is an ocean of infinite love and peace. —Janial Rahman



1:00–2:00 PM SUNDAY, JAN. 28 CORNER OF HWY 525 & MAIN STREET, FREELAND This is a time for inclusive proper so we request no political signage. WHAT TO BRING-A desire for peace, an umbrella or raincoat, and a chair if that would be hebful.

As the ravages of war in Israel/Palestine, the Ukraine, as well as other parts of the world drag on, we experience heart wrenching grief. Quakers, or the Religious Society of Friends, have a 375-year-old tradition of opposing war and working for peaceful resolutions. We believe there is that of the Divine in each person, and war violates that sarredness. We work to stop conflicts before they erupt into violence and provide humane assistance to the victims of war.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT QUAKERS & PEACEMAKING Whidbey Island Friends Meeting: <u>whidbeyquakers org</u> Friends Committee on National Legislation: <u>www.fcl.org</u> American Friends Service Committee: <u>abc.org</u> About this vigit. Dinah Bachrach, <u>bachrachetsonic net</u>

Organized by Whidbey Island Friends Meeting (Quakers)

3rd Sunday Dinners

After Sunday Services at China City in Freeland We're going back to China City and their large round table to enjoy each other's company, have guite 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!



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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	TechnologyTech TeamInternet	Janet Garrow	
	Building and Grounds	John Long and Don Winebrinner	
	Finance • Finance • Stewardship	Lois Chowen	
	Community Outreach New Initiatives Social Justice 	Remmel Nunn	

Native Connections Initiative



NEXT NCI MEETING: FEBRUARY

JANUARY NEWSLETTER HERE:

Join our email list to automatically receive our monthly NCI newsletter in your inbox, and to receive the Zoom link to our meetings.

START READING! WINTER BOOK DISCUSSIONS:

Frances Wood will again lead us in three discussions by Native authors. Stay tuned for dates, but start reading these excellent selections!

May: Jesintel: Living Wisdom from Coast Salish Elders

RETURNING TO THE LAND:

<u>A 4-part series</u> co-sponsored by <u>Decolonizing Quakers</u> and presented by Nia to Go There (Cree). You can join the next Modules without seeing the first Modul. Module 1: Saturday, January 13, 12:30-3:30 PST, *Cultural Perspectives* Module 2: Saturday, January 27, 12:30-3:30, *Seeing with a Native Eye* Module 3: Saturday, February 10, 12:30-3:30, *Colonization* Module 4: Saturday, February 27, 12:30-3:30, *Decolonization*

LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS TO TAKE NOW:

These bills directly impact Indigenous people who are incarcerated in Washington State. The legislative website makes it very easy; it takes just a couple of minutes to click on a link for a bill and enter your comment.

Bills to promote this session include:

HB 2065/ SB 5971 Juvenile points HB 1325 / SB 5451 Emerging Adults HB 2001 Judicial Discretion - Charles Longshore HB 1798 Allowing earned time release HB = House Bill and should be referred to Representatives Shavers and Paul

SB = Senate Bill and should be referred to Senator Ron Muzzall.

Email Representative <u>Clyde Shavers</u>: Email Representative <u>Dave Paul</u>: Email Senator Ron Muzzall:

Tips for sending an effective e-mail.

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

Seattle Times articles noted above. Follow reporter Lynda Mapes!

Supporters of United Student Leaders Initiative





Members and Friends Facebook Group

UUCWI has a Members and Friends Facebook Group to encourage sharing information, resources, and discussions. Check it out <u>here</u>. Back to top

Social Environmental Justice



"What can one person do about climate Change? Don't be one person, join a group." Joyce Kimbal MD, president 350. Eugene :)

- Saturday January 27 JUUWA Annual Legislative Summit- 9AM, (on line) We will learn about bills and strategize actions. We will hear from Representative Beth Doglio and Senator Manka Dhinga on legislation of interest to UUs in Washington State. Register & learn more <u>here</u>.
- Saturday January 27 Climate Conversations 1:15 PM to 3PM this is an effort to engage the central & north island communities to discuss the climate crisis and possible communal, collaborative action. This open event is being hosted by UUCWI membersTerra Anderson and Denise (Dee) Marion. Oak Harbor Library meeting room. Terra and Dee will be serving tea and snacks. Please RSVP so they can have enough chairs and refreshments and bring your own tea cup. terria@whidbey.com; dpmorder@gmail.com
- February 3 Sound Waters One Day University is back to an in person event. There is much to learn about pertinent to the health of our environment upon which we are all dependent. This year it will be in Coupeville. Registration is open. Register & learn more <u>here</u>.
- Monday February 24 "Swords into Plowshares" 1PM at St Augustine's in the Woods. This was originally scheduled for MLK Day. The focus will be on the gun violence epidemic.

Good News About Solutions!*

- EVs are taking off! According to a new <u>EPA report</u> EVs and hybrids have measurably reduced U.S. carbon emissions. <u>instant rebates</u> of \$7500 on qualifying new EVs and \$4000 on used ones are helping in the U.S. In China 42% of passenger cars are EVs or plug-in hybrids. In <u>Norway they</u> make up 90%. EVs in <u>Detroit</u> or <u>Frankfurt</u>, Germany can now charge as they drive!
- Let the Sunshine- Solar is now the <u>cheapest</u> form of electricity in most countries around the world, saving people money that can be used for other important things: like teacher salaries! In 202 a school district in Batesville, Arkansas intends to raise its teachers' salaries <u>up to \$15,000 a year</u> with money saved from a solar array. At least <u>thirty other school districts</u> in the area that were doing the same.
- Solar Feeds Students! Schools across the U.S. have <u>tripled</u> the amount of solar installed on their campuses. In Heart-Butte, Montana the school superintendent arranged for energy credits generated by the district's new solar panels to help lower the electric bills in the community, located on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation!

Reading Suggestions: Two Books: Same Title

lovingly embrace the challenges of these extreme times." "I know of no better guidebook for living fully and meaningfully in the midst of unfolding biospheric and civilizational decline."says, Reverend Michael Dowd, deceased author, speaker, and UUCWI friend. He reads it here

• Eye of the Storm by Kate Messner fiction. The main characters are two valiant youth. In the not-too-distant future, huge tornadoes and monster storms are a part of everyday life. Sent to spend the summer in the heart of storm country with her father in the special StormSafe community his company has developed, Jaden Meggs is excited to reconnect with her dad after he spent years researching storm technology

* from Katherine Hayhoe PhD, climatologist (edited) Submitted by Gary Piazzon UUCWI

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 <u>admin@uucwi.org</u> 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

· 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 <u>admin@uucwi.org</u>

Thank you!



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