



The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island Weekly News

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This 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.**

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 Congregational United Church of Christ. She recently retired from her Seattle ministry and can now focus on tending the small flock of sheep on her Clinton farm. Catherine is the author of "Shepherding the Seasons, Stories of a Life with Two Flocks."

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



Next Sunday's Service
January 14, 2023 10am

**Something Judges Us,
Something Accepts Us**
Rev. Bruce Bode

**With Terra Anderson,
Worship Leader
and Eileen Soskin and
Heather & Darren McCoy,
Special Music**

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

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"You are perfect the way you are ... and you could use a little improvement," writes Japanese Zen teacher Shunryu Suzuki. This sermon explores our interior sense of being both judged and accepted.

We will have a Dedicated Offering Collection for [Senior Thrift](#) this service.

Rev. Bruce A. Bode is Minister Emeritus at the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (QUUF) in Port Townsend, Washington, from which he retired in 2018 as the Senior Minister after serving the congregation for fourteen years (2004-2018). Before coming to Port Townsend, Rev. Bode was the Interim Minister of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston, Texas (2002-2004) and the Hope Unitarian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma (2001-2002). Prior to that, he served for twenty-two years (1978-2001) as an Associate Minister at the Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, a large, independent, religiously liberal congregation.



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Calendar.

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Friday, January 5

Saturday, January 6

Sunday, January 7

10am [Worship Service](#) (In Person and on Zoom)
Art Exhibit Reception after service (Gallery)
Book Talk after service (Library)

Monday, January 8

Tuesday, January 9

10am - noon [Membership Committee](#) (Zoom)
10am - noon [Worship Committee](#) (Zoom)
3:30 - 4:30pm [Caring Circle](#)

Wednesday, January 10

10am - Noon [Men's Group](#)
11am - 12:30pm Women's Group (Various Locations)
6:30 - 8pm [Native Connections Initiative](#) (Zoom)

Thursday, January 11

10 - 11am [Engagement Committee](#) (Zoom)
11am - noon [Stewardship](#) (Zoom)
12:30 - 4pm Whidbey Climate Action (Cascade Room)

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Announcements and News



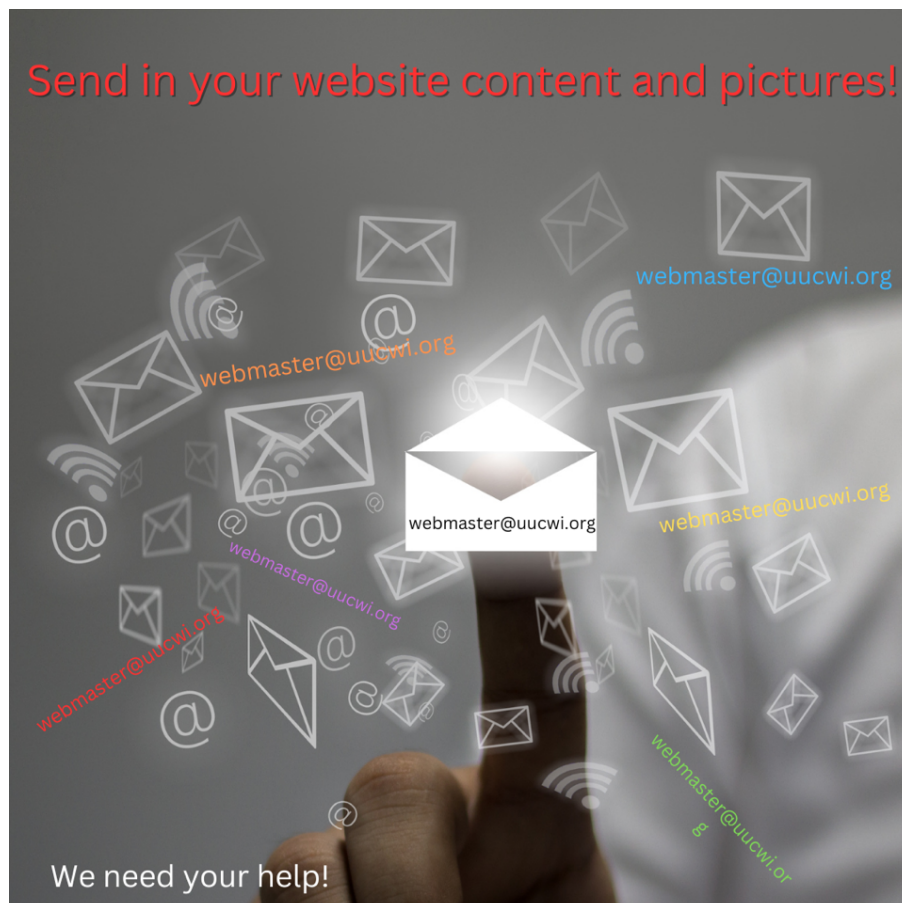
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Pastoral Care & Connections at UUCWI

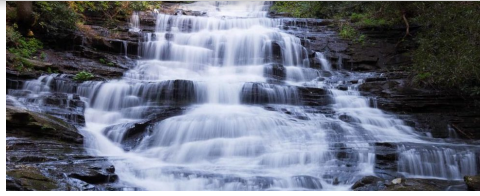
UUCWI offers comfort and presence when times of trauma and distress touch our lives. We have a pastoral care team which includes Rev. Kate Lore, our interim minister for pastoral care. If you or someone you know might benefit from this offering please consider contacting our coordinator, Bill Graves,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

Send in your website content and pictures!



We need your help!



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 also includes the ceramic work of Jill Lipoti. The earthiness of both clay and chalk come together in an expression of admiration for the world in which we live.

A reception for this show will be held following the Sunday Service on the 14th of January.

UUCWI Artist Series Presents First 2024 Concert

Sunday, January 21, 7:30 PM

The first concert of 2024 is rapidly approaching with the opening event of chamber music of the Salish Sea Early Music Festival, featuring Michael Driemuth from Germany on the lute and Jeffrey Cohan, curator of the festival, on his Baroque flute. All season long, Jeffrey brings world class musicians from Europe and North America to perform for us.

UUCWI is the Whidbey Island home of the Salish Sea Early Music Festival and we are privileged to welcome them for the second year.

The Music Committee welcomes everyone and provides simple refreshments. Our Artist Series is one of the rare opportunities on the island to enjoy concerts and other events for a donation at the door. All are welcome. Bring your friends and family!

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

as at China City. Often, we've played a game with our little princess
fortunes and found even more laughs. We'll begin in January on
the 21st. Happy New Year!



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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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