



The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island Weekly News

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This Sunday's Service
More Than a Box of
Chocolates: Heart-Opening
Vulnerabilities and Their
Gifts
Barbara Wolf Terao
With Patricia Pocock &
Effie Brown
Worship Leaders
and Eileen Soskin & Ken Merrell,
Special Music

Please join us in person or on
Zoom.

Researcher Brene Brown asserts, "Vulnerability is the birthplace of innovation, creativity, and change." While many of us tend to hide or deny our vulnerabilities, we all have them. What benefits might they hold for us? What is the soul trying to tell us? Exploring five varieties of vulnerabilities, Barbara Wolf Terao unearths gems from our deepest selves for our consideration.

their two daughters in Evanston, Illinois and they now live near their children and grandchild on Whidbey Island. Barbara has been a teacher, psychologist, land ethic leader, and television host, though her most joyful roles are as mother and grandmother! Her articles and essays have appeared in The Seattle Times, Orion, Association for Humanistic Psychology journal, Writer's Digest, Art in the Time of Unbearable Crisis, and other publications, as well as on her Of the Earth website and Substack. The message of her memoir, Reconfigured? When your life calls, listen.

Service Link

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



Next Sunday's Service
February 18, 2024 10am

**Warning: Content and
Otherwise**
Joseph Bednarik
With Ruth Richards,
Worship Leader
and Erin Howard,
Special Music

This Sunday we celebrate the theory and practice of warnings-content and otherwise- and ask aloud: How shall we engage and grow in our complex and glimmering world?



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](#).

Friday, February 9

Saturday, February 10

7 - 8:30pm Whidbey Island Orchestra Skylark String Orchestra Concert

Sunday, February 11

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

After Service Book Talk

Monday, February 12

Tuesday, February 13

10am - noon [Membership Committee](#) (Zoom)

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

Wednesday, February 14 Valentine's Day

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

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

6:30 - 8pm [Native Connections](#) (Zoom)

Thursday, February 15

10 - 11am [Engagement Committee](#)

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Announcements and News

Welcomes Your Suggestions!

UUCWI dedicates one Sunday offering each month to deserving non-profit organizations. Our dedicated offerings committee composed of Jane Spalding, Gary Piazzon, David Cauffman, and Rimmel Nunn welcomes your suggestions for recipients of our congregation's support.

Your recommendations can be emailed to dedicatedofferings@uucwi.org, and should include the following information:

- Proposed recipient: Name of organization; website link.
- What does the organization do?
- In what ways does the organization promote our UU principles and values?
- Are there other ways (besides our funding support) that UUCWI members and friends could get involved with this group or cause?
- Any additional information you would like to share.

Many thanks! We look forward to hearing from you!

-Jane, Gary, Dave, and Rimmel



Book Talk This Sunday

Book Talk gives members & friends an opportunity to connect in-person and to get to know one another better by talking about books! Each participant is encouraged to talk about one, maybe two, books they have enjoyed reading and want to recommend to others. Books can be on any topic. Members and Friends can attend either to share a book with others or to hear about what others are reading. We'll start between 11:15

TOMORROW
Saturday, February 10 at 7 PM
"SKYLARK" conducted by Cynthia Morrow-Hattal
A MUSICAL VALENTINE

Don't miss this special concert with conductor, Cynthia Morrow-Hattal and Skylark String Chamber Orchestra. who have prepared a musical Valentine for us entitled "**Baubles, Bangles, and Borodin**". The orchestra is composed of musicians from the Whidbey Island Orchestra. Guest vocalist Joann Quintana will add a touch of romantic nostalgia to a program brimming with lush string music. Several violinists from within the orchestra will be featured to create an evening sure to delight and inspire.

It is an honor to welcome Skylark string orchestra which promises a sublime evening of romantic music. A suggested donation at the door of \$20 is appreciated. Proceeds will be donated to the Whidbey Island Orchestra for their youth program. All are welcome. The Music Committee provides light refreshments.



FEBRUARY 18 AT 7:30
SALISH SEA EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Salish Sea Early Music Festival presents the two symphonies, featuring performing music associated with the court of Louis XIV and JS Bach on Sunday evening, February 18 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Freeland on Whidbey Island.

This outstanding program, with the directors of the Boston Early Music Festival, the Montreal Baroque Festival and the Salish Sea Early Music festival, is for baroque flute, baroque guitar and viola da gamba and features many of the late 17th and early 18th-century guitarists, viola da gambists, flutists and other composers associated with the illustrious musical establishment of Louis XIV, alongside the music of Johann Sebastian Bach.

This promises to be a real musical highlight of the season.



— Presented in collaboration with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation —

SALISH SEA

— EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024 —



SIMPHONIE NOUVELLE

LOUIS XIV & JS BACH

— Jeffrey Cohan —
BAROQUE FLUTE

— Stephen Stubbs —
BAROQUE GUITAR

— Susie Napper —
VIOLA DA GAMBA

Diego Francesco Corbetta (1615-1681)
Monsieur de Sainte Colombe (c.1640-c.1700)
Robert De Visée (c.1655-1733)
Marin Marais (1656-1728)
Élisabeth Claude Jacquet de la Guerre (1665-1729)
François Couperin (1668-1733)
Michel de la Barre (c.1675-1745)
Jacques Morel (c.1680-c.1740)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)



Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 7:30 PM

✦ Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island ✦

✦ 20103 State Route 525 in Freeland on Whidbey Island ✦
suggested donation \$20 to \$30/a free will offering, all are welcome ✦ 18 and under always free

✦ www.salishseafestival.org/whidbey ✦



3rd Sunday Dinners
After Sunday Services
at China City in Freeland
11:30 - 12:30

...are going back to China City, and then hang round tables 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!



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](#)

Subscribe	Past Issues	Translate ▼
	Spiritual Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual Arts Committee • Music Committee • Worship Committee 	Troyan Copeiana
	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



NEXT NCI MEETING: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 at 6:30 pm

Meeting will be on Zoom. We'll provide information on legislation that particularly impacts Native people, and discuss other issues. [Join our email list](#) to receive the Zoom link.

JANUARY NEWSLETTER [CLICK HERE:](#)

Look for the February newsletter soon. We will send it directly to your email address if you are on our [email list](#).

the NCI and local/regional Indigenous issues.

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!

March 20, 6:30 pm: *Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson

April 17, 6:30 pm: *Red Paint* by Sasha LaPointe

May 15, 6:30 pm: *Jesintel: Living Wisdom from Coast Salish Elders*, edited by Children of the Setting Sun

RETURNING TO THE LAND:

[A 4-part series](#) co-sponsored by [Decolonizing Quakers](#) and presented by Nia to Go There (Cree). You can join the next Modules without seeing the first Module.

Module 3: Saturday, February 10, 12:30-3:30, *Colonization*

Module 4: Saturday, February 27, 12:30-3:30, *Decolonization*

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



"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere"- MLK

This quote by Martin Luther King Jr. while he was in the Birmingham City Jail resonates strongly as the crisis in Gaza surpasses 100 days. **In the fight for justice and peace, a permanent ceasefire is crucial to end the significant loss of life, stop the escalating**

immediate ceasefire.

The bombardment of Gaza by the Israeli government has killed over 24,000 Palestinians —10,000 of whom are children. The blockade, preventing essential resources such as food and water into Gaza, has led to a growing humanitarian crisis with a significant increase in deaths caused by starvation and disease. Gaza's environment has also been completely destroyed with contaminated waterways, poisoned soil, and smoke-filled air.

While countries across the world have called for a ceasefire and increased humanitarian efforts, the United States vetoed a UN sanctioned ceasefire agreement. Meanwhile Senator Bernie Sanders introduced a resolution to freeze U.S. military funding to Israel unless the State Department can "certify that no Israeli security units receiving U.S. assistance committed 'any gross violations of human rights.'" Sadly, the resolution was rejected.

In solidarity,

United Student Leaders

*submitted, with edits, by USL liaison and UUCWI member 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

"It's not half as important to know as to feel." Rachel Carson, author Silent Spring*
"When we think we sit down. When we feel we stand up." - B McKibben



Take Action! Sign the Petition for: JULIANA V the UNITED STATES

Sadly, US Attorney General Merck Garland is sitting on this critically important, landmark case. We need all to call, email and tweet the Department of Justice and tell the Attorney General to allow the youth to have their day in court. The Back Story- This case began in 2015 brought by 21 youth arguing that the U.S. government has been violating their constitutional rights by pursuing policies that promote climate change. 9 years later after endless obfuscation the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals threw out the case. The following year plaintiffs sought and won a change of venue where Judge Ann Aiken ordered both sides to begin settlement talks which proved unsuccessful. On December 29, 2023, Judge Aiken issued an order denying the U.S. DOJ's motions to dismiss which allowed the case go to trial. Now it is up to AG Garland to do the right thing.

Please support these courageous youth- call, email and tweet the DOJ and tell Attorney General Garland to let this case be heard. [Click here to take action](#). Follow the instructions in the left column to contact the DOJ. The youth thank-you.

Elders Stepping Up! An encouraging sign that petitions can indeed pay off. The "Costco: Clean Up Your Credit Card" campaign had a successful start. Campaign partners, led by [Third Act](#) and [Elders for Climate Action](#) delivered a petition with 40,000 petition signatures to Costco's headquarters nationwide demanding that it cut ties with dirty dealing Citibank. Costco CEO Vachris publicly acknowledged the petitions saying: "We are going to continue moving forward with our climate action plan, and have been in discussions with Citi about their carbon reduction plans in the future." Please consider joining ECA & Third Act and be a climate justice champion. [Read more here.](#)

What's New About Nuclear?

Recently, nuclear energy was selected for review By Elders For Climate Action's policy committee. Here is the essence of their findings:

1. **Don't invest your time in promoting this technology in the near term.** This technology is not likely to make a significant contribution in the time needed until

2. **Support existing plants until they can be replaced by better alternatives.** U.S. nuclear plants are extremely safe. Storage of nuclear waste can be done safely as well. The Carbon Crisis poses a far greater threat. They will provide the U.S. a substantial amount of carbon-free power and generate relatively little additional waste.
3. **Carefully scrutinize new nuclear technologies.** If new technologies can eventually be shown to align with ECA's justice, equity, and effectiveness objectives, we may recommend supporting them. Until then, we suggest reserving judgment.

Don't forgot

- **Monday February 24 "Swords into Plowshares"** 1:00 PM at [St Augustine's in the Woods](#). This was originally scheduled for MLK Day. It is an annual event celebrating of his work. The focus will be on the gun violence epidemic.

Remember, only you, your friends and family, businesses, schools, corporations, governments at every level, everywhere, etc. can slow the climate/ocean crisis!

** RC was a UU too :)*

humbly and hopefully submitted by UUCWI founding 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
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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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