



## The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island Weekly News

*Image by Aaron Burdenon Unsplash*



**This Sunday's Service**  
**February 18, 2024 10am**

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

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

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?

### **Service Link**

If you have trouble joining our Zoom meeting, email [webmaster@uucwi.org](mailto:webmaster@uucwi.org) for help.

---

---



**Cracked Wide Open**  
**Rev. Kate Lore**  
 With Kate Nunn,  
 Worship Leader  
 and Jane Hayes, Ken Merrell and  
 Karen Heather,  
 Special Music

There is a crack in everything," sings Leonard Cohen, "that's how the light gets in." During a breakup or a breakdown, during a life loss or an unexpected transition, what gifts await us when we are cracked wide open?



### 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](#).

Image by Khadeejz Yasser on Unsplash

---

#### ***Friday, February 16***

#### ***Saturday, February 17***

9 - 11:30am UUCWI Work Party (Grounds)

#### ***Sunday, February 18***

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

7:30 - 9:00 pm Salish Sea Early Music Festival Concert

#### ***Monday, February 19***

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

#### ***Tuesday, February 20***

1 - 3pm Board of Trustees (Cascade Room)

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

#### ***Wednesday, February 21***

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

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

#### ***Thursday, February 22***

[Back to top](#)

---

## Announcements and News

---

### Board Briefs

The Board of Trustees will meet in regular session on Tuesday, Friday 20, at 1:00 at UUCWI. Let Toyon know if you would like a copy of the proposed agenda.

---

Save the date! A **congregational workshop will be held on Saturday, March 23, from 9 am to 2 pm at UUCWI.** Martha Durkee-Neuman, minister intern from Edmonds UU, will lead all of us in group discussions and exercises to discern who we are today, what we are longing for and where we want to be headed. This will provide the BOT with valuable information in their considerations of hiring a minister. Please plan to attend. Your thoughts will be important.

---

The BOT is appointing Linda Flanagan-Freeburg as a Trustee to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Lois Chowen several months ago.

---

The Finance Committee (Tom B and Mark Saffitz) and BOT Treasurer (Janet G) are creating a draft of an operating budget for the coming year for the BOT's consideration - in anticipation of the Pledge Drive.

---

Frances W, Jane S, and Clara B are heading the upcoming Pledge Drive. They have begun their work of creating a timeline and materials to be distributed. More details will be available soon.

---

UUCWI has received a \$3,000 unrestricted grant from the Whidbey Community Foundation. The BOT will be discussing how best to use this grant at their upcoming meeting.

---



### Leadership Council Meeting

Friday, March 1st 10am



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](mailto: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

---

## FEBRUARY 18 AT 7:30 SALISH SEA EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Salish Sea Early Music Festival presents the trio Simphonie Nouvelle, 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 &amp; JS BACH

— Jeffrey Cohan —  
*BAROQUE FLUTE*— Stephen Stubbs —  
*BAROQUE GUITAR*— Susie Napper —  
*VIOLA DA GAMBIA*

Diego Francesco Corbetta (1615-1681)  
Monsieur de Sainte Colombe (c.1640-c.1700)  
Robert De Visé (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](http://www.salishseafestival.org/whidbey) ✦

## THE LARAMIE PROJECT -- A PLAY

Saturday, March 2, at 7 PM

This is a special opportunity to see a remarkable play brought to us by the Whidbey Playhouse. One night only.

The Laramie Project presents a deeply complex portrait of a community's response to the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard, a young gay man living in Laramie, Wyoming. In a series of poignant reflections, the residents of Laramie react to the hate crime and surrounding media storm with anger, bewilderment, and sorrow. The play portrays the seismic and deeply personal impact Matthew's death had on this small town while also demonstrating the power of the human spirit to triumph over bigotry and violence. The cast is mostly Oak Harbor High School Students. There are a few roles being played by non-students.

**Disclaimer:** There is adult heavy content and language. Parental discretion is advised.

# The Laramie Project

By Moises Kaufman and Members of  
the Tectonic Theater Project

DIRECTED BY SHELBY MONTOYA

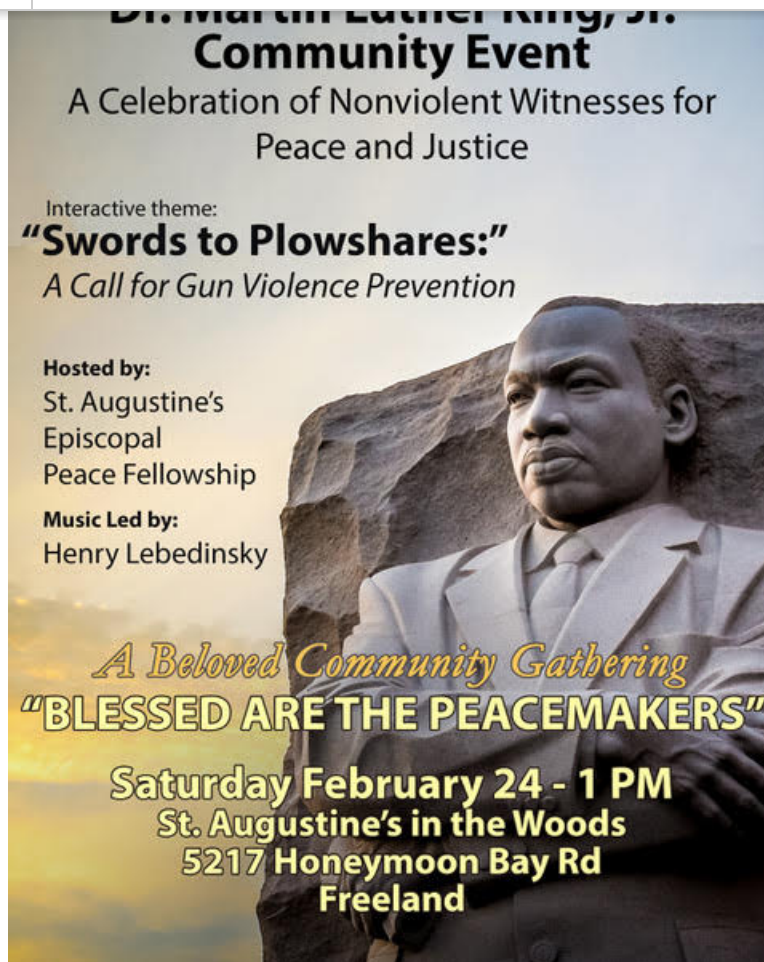
PRODUCED BY ERIC GEORGE



*DISCLAIMER: There is adult heavy content and language. Parental discretion is advised.*

Show Performance: March 2, 2024 @ 7pm  
20103 WA 525, Freeland Washington 98249  
Seating Capacity: 100  
Suggested donation of \$25 at the door

THE LARAMIE PROJECT IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH DRAMATIST PLAY SERVICES 460 PARK AVENUE SOUTH NEW YORK, NY 10016 PHONE 212-682-8000 FAX 212-213-1939 WWW.DRAMATIST.COM



**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Community Event**  
A Celebration of Nonviolent Witnesses for  
Peace and Justice

Interactive theme:  
**"Swords to Plowshares:"**  
*A Call for Gun Violence Prevention*

**Hosted by:**  
St. Augustine's  
Episcopal  
Peace Fellowship

**Music Led by:**  
Henry Lebedinsky

*A Beloved Community Gathering*  
**"BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS"**

**Saturday February 24 - 1 PM**  
**St. Augustine's in the Woods**  
**5217 Honeymoon Bay Rd**  
**Freeland**

---

### 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!

---





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.

Image by Jonathan Borba on Unsplash

[Back to top](#)

## UUCWI Initiative News

[New Initiative Proposal Form Link](#)

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

## Native Connections Initiative



**NEXT NCI MEETING: WEDNESDAY, March 13 at 6:30 pm**

Meeting will be on Zoom. [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](#).

**FEBRUARY 18, after Sunday Worship Service**

The co-facilitators of the NCI will have a table in the foyer to share information about the NCI and local/regional Indigenous issues.

**START READING!! WINTER BOOK DISCUSSIONS: [Register here!](#)**

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 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 genocide of Palestinians, and to enable Israeli hostages to be released. We strongly urge you to contact your legislators, [sign on to petitions](#), join protest for an immediate ceasefire.

**War- Bad for People- Bad for Planet\***: The planet-warming emissions generated during the first two months of the war in [Gaza](#) were greater than the annual carbon footprint of more than 20 of the world's most climate-vulnerable nations. Beyond the obvious immediate human suffering, The war in Gaza, Ukraine, etc. are accelerating the climate/ocean crisis. This report begins to document the real cost of war. Read more [here](#).

### **USL Interrupts Island County Meeting to Call for an Immediate Climate Emergency Declaration**

On Tuesday night, USL disrupted the Island County Comprehensive Plan Open House at South Whidbey High School to demand the commissioners pass a Climate Emergency Declaration. This Open House is aimed at helping guide the work of Island County for the next 20 years, which USL believes must acknowledge and address the escalating climate crisis. The action included 14 students and community members marching into the meeting urging the county to recognize the impact of the climate crisis currently and for future generations.

### **USL's Demands for Island County**

USL called for Island County to adopt a Climate Action Plan, as well as implement specific demands USL feels will help to mitigate the climate crisis. The Climate Action Plan would help to hold the county accountable and make sure that they are prioritizing and expediting climate-centered work. It also opens more opportunities for funding the county's efforts to work against climate change.

On Tuesday night, USL listed their demands in a People's Mic speech, including that Island County hire a Climate Action Manager who could help them make more sustainable choices and implement more sustainable measures. Another one of USL's demands is to establish a Climate Committee that community members could be involved in so that they can hold the county more accountable as well. Youth are disproportionately impacted by the climate crisis so we ask that the Island County also include more youth input in their work.

In solidarity,  
United Student Leaders

\*submitted, with edits and this addition, by USL liaison and UUCWI member Gary



### Members and Friends Facebook Group

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

[Back to top](#)

---

## Social Environmental Justice

---



*The U.S. Department of Labor reported in 2020 that 1.6 million children are working illegally and a percentage of those children have been trafficked in and held as slaves.*

**Lobby for a More Just Society-** The Washington State legislature is in full swing. Find out what bills are being championed or challenged by UUs, the faith based community and how you can effect them by clicking these links [JUJusticeWA Faith Action Network](#).

### **Chocolate & Child Slavery**

Some candy companies contribute to child slavery to manufacture of chocolate! Companies including, Mars, Nestlé, Hershey, Cargill, Cadbury have admitted responsibility and promised, for 20 years, to remedy the situation yet the numbers of exploited children has only increased.. These children are vulnerable to brutal labor practices, including trafficking and slavery. Moreover, the abject poverty these farm families are forced to endure in has also resulted in deforestation of sensitive and important national forests. Learn more and what you can do [here](#)

### **Mark Your Calendar!**

- **February 21 at 6PM-** "What if we are wrong about drugs?" Sno-Isle Librarmacy is offering this on line opportunity to learn more about our drug crisis. Decades after the "Just Say No" campaign, the overdose crisis is escalating, access to addiction treatment is limited, and people are still sent to prison for possession. What if the answer lies in shifting our cultural stories about drugs and their users? Ingrid Walker, author of [High: Drugs, Desire, and A Nation of Users](#). Will be presenting. You can register [here](#).

of his work. The focus will be on the gun violence epidemic.

*"May we be the people we are called to be." Rev. Susan Fredrick-Grey*

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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@uucwi.org)**

*Thank you!*

---



Want to change how you receive these emails?  
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)

