



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

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This Sunday's Service
March 24, 2024 10am

**We are the Ones We've Been
Waiting For**
Rev. Martha Durkee-Newman

**With Toyon Copeland,
Worship Leader
and Eileen Soskin,
Special Music**

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

Our religious communities are the places where we practice the world to come. But what does that really look like for us? How can we build our community to reflect the world we want to see? After all, we are the ones we've been waiting for.

Service Link

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



Next Sunday's Service

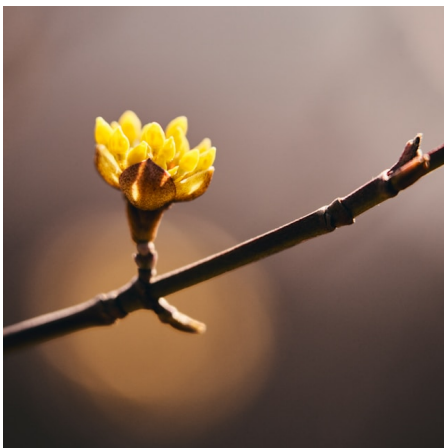
March 31, 2024 10am

Unbelieving the Unbelievable:
Living, Dying, Living
Joseph Bednarik

With Kate Nunn,
Worship Leader
and Heidi Hoelting & Susan Baer,
Special Music

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Though death is as natural as ashes and dust, for human beings what happens after death is considered one of the greatest mysteries. On this High Holy Day of Easter, we explore the miracle of life after death, and like Thomas reach out to touch the Teacher.



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, March 22

Saturday, March 23

9am - 2pm The Future of UUCWI Workshop (Sanctuary)

Lunch is provided [RSVP here](#)

Sunday, March 24

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

7:30 - 9pm Salish Sea Early Music Festival Haydn & Beyond

Monday, March 25

Tuesday, March 26

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

Wednesday, March 27

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

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

Thursday, March 28

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Announcements and News

The Future of UUCWI Tomorrow!

Join an important in-person workshop / conversation
on
Saturday, March 23, 2024 - 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Lunch will be provided.

This is a time of change for our congregation. And change is exciting!

We will gather to share, discuss, discern and ponder:

- What are our priorities, visions, and ideas for the direction of our future?
- What do we do well? -How do we experience shared ministry?
- What are our staffing needs?

RSVP

[Email](#) - or
[On Line](#) - or

In Foyer at Sunday Service - sign up
(we want to be sure we have enough of everything for everybody)

Martha Durkee-Neuman, Intern Minister at Edmonds UU Congregation,
will be our facilitator.

Everyone's voice is important. We want to hear from you!
Mark your calendar. We look forward to seeing you there.

UUCWI Board of Trustees



Forward Together
March 24 - April 15, 2024
2024 - 2025 Pledge Campaign
Goal: \$140,000

We are UUCWI - Unitarian Universalists with pride in our strengths and confidence in our future. We are moving **Forward Together** to create an even stronger spiritual home and more robust community. Please join in this week as we discuss the future of UUCWI.

[RSVP Here](#)

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Cottage Gatherings

During the first two weeks of April in the spirit of joyfully moving **Forward Together**, small group meetings will be held in person in members' homes, at UUCWI, and on Zoom. Select one and join in an intimate gathering to deepen connections, reflect on thoughts expressed at the workshop, and to share what UUCWI and giving mean to you. A list of dates, times and places for Cottage Gatherings will be available in next week's enews, as well as instructions for signing up to attend.

Questions? Ask Clara Beier, Jane Spalding, or Frances Wood, UUCWI 2024 Pledge Campaign Committee. Thank you!



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UUCWI Directory Update

Why is there blue tape on my name tag? It's to let you know we need your picture for the Breeze directory. Please submit a head shot of yourself to admin@uucwi.org. Or see a membership person at the welcoming table on Sunday mornings and we will be happy to snap a picture. If you do not want to be included, let us know.



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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.

CHAMBER CONCERT THIS SUNDAY

MARCH 24 AT 7:30

The Salish Sea Early Music Festival continues this Sunday evening with a program of trios by Franz Haydn performed by the distinguished musicians Jeffrey Cohan (8-keyed flute), Lindsey Strand-Polyak (baroque violin) and Martin Bonham (baroque cello).

— **Haydn Trios:** The music (and magic) of Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) is to be celebrated in our fourth program of the 2024 Salish Sea Early Music Festival featuring late 18th-century trios by Haydn and his contemporaries and friends performed on period instruments.

As the most celebrated composer in all of Europe for much of his career, Franz Joseph Haydn was Mozart's mentor and friend as well as Beethoven's tutor. The program will include three trios for flute, violin and cello by Haydn, selections from a 1795 arrangement for these instruments of Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute", and a trio by Franz Anton Hoffmeister, a friend of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven who published music by all three.

A suggested goodwill donation of \$25 at the door is appreciated and all are welcome. Light refreshments are provided by the Music Committee. UUCWI is honored to host this outstanding chamber music series.

in cooperation with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation

SALISH SEA

— EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024 —



FRANZ JOSEPH
HAYDN

+ Jeffrey Cohan ~ *eight-keyed flute* +



+ Lindsey Strand-Polyak ~ *violin* +



+ Martin Bonham ~ *cello* +



Sunday, March 24, 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 ✦



UU Hikes

Saturday, March 30 th
Ebey's Landing and Bluff
10:30am - 1:30pm

Join in a 4.5 to 5.5 mile hike on the Ebey bluff trail and on the beach. Portions of the trail are steep, so bring hiking poles and wear sturdy shoes.

Meeting Location: Furthest parking lot at the end of Sherman Road nearest the Pratt Loop trailhead and the restrooms.

Directions: Follow Highway 20 and turn west on Sherman Road, about a half mile north of Coupeville, and follow road to the end.

Other information: Clara Beier will lead and we hope Dave Cauffman will join us. Contact Clara directly or try the new email uuhikes@uucwi.org See the UUCWI Directory for Clara's email and phone #.

[Ebey's Landing Website](#)

*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](#)

Mission Group Liaisons	
Spiritual Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual Arts Committee • Music Committee • Worship Committee 	Toyana Copeland
Member Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership • Library • Engagement Development 	Clara Beier
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 	Janet Garrow
Community Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Initiatives • Social Justice 	Rommel Nunn



NCI MONTHLY NEWSLETTER [CLICK HERE](#):

To receive your monthly newsletter hot off the press, [join our email list](#). You can also access our current and archived newsletters on the UUCWI website.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 3:00 --5:00 PM: FIELD TRIP TO QUIMPER UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP (QUUF) FOR CHEMAKUM EXHIBIT

STILL HERE: PORTRAITS OF THE CHEMAKUM, an extraordinary exhibit with a presentation by Rosalee Walz, Chemakum elder, and other Chemakum people who will share their story of erasure and perseverance. The presentation is at 3:00-5:00 PM. To join the field trip, meet at the Coupeville Ferry to walk on the **1:15 PM sailing**. Generous members of the QUUF Native Connections and Action Group will meet us in PT and give us rides to and from the QUUF sanctuary. **Please [sign up by emailing us](#) by March 24 to reserve a ride in Port Townsend.**

If you can't make the field trip with us, the exhibit of 4' X 6' portraits by the *League of Extraordinary Observers* is open for viewing on **Fridays through April 19, from noon to 3 PM**. A book of the Portraits, with text by elder Rosalee Walz, is available. We'll let you know how to find a copy.

NEXT NCI MEETING: WEDNESDAY, April 10 at 6:30 pm; BEAVER TALES COFFEE AND INDIGENOUS CULTURAL HUB

Meetings will continue to be on Zoom, to accommodate Indigenous people who do not currently live on Whidbey.

We have invited Michelle Calvin (Ah Dah Néik - Adopted Tlingit) and Tony Cladoosby (Spah Kia Kud - Swinomish Tribal Member), to speak during our April meeting. They have opened Beaver Tales Coffee on the Coupeville Wharf with a vision to create an Indigenous Cultural Hub on the Wharf. Come hear about their inspiring vision!

[Join our email list](#) to receive up-to-date information about the meeting, and more about their vision.

APRIL 17, WEDNESDAY, 6:30 pm, BOOK DISCUSSION: [Register here!](#)

Frances Wood will again lead us in three discussions on books by Native authors. Please [Register](#) to receive the discussion questions for each book. The next book

April 17, 6:30 pm: *Red Paint, The Ancestral Autobiography of a Coast Salish Punk*; by Sasha taqwšəblu LaPointe

Sasha taqwšəblu LaPointe grew up moving around the Pacific Northwest with her family, developing a passion for the punk scene and keeping alive her responsibility of being the namesake of her beloved great-grandmother, Vi taqwšəblu Hilbert -- a linguist who helped preserve Lushootseed.

PODCAST: YAI (YOUNG AND INDIGENOUS) AND SASHA LAPOINTE

This YAI Podcast interviews local author, musician, and professor, Sasha taqwšəblu LaPointe! Her memoir *Red Paint* is the topic of discussion and is our book read for April. [Listen here.](#)

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

MAY 18: PENN COVE WATER FESTIVAL, 11:00 AM -- 5:00 PM

This Festival features annual tribal canoe races, native arts & crafts vendors, storytelling, musical and dance performances, artist demonstrations, authentic Native foods, youth activities, exhibits and displays. Come hear your favorites: Peter Ali on Native Flute, Swill Kanim on violin and telling stories, Rosie James, storytelling, and the Shifty Sailors. **Many opportunities to volunteer** are available, led by our own Judy Kaplan. [Sign up here.](#)

SAVE THE DATES: JULY 16 -- 22: BLUE HERON CANOE LANDING

Once again, the Blue Heron Canoe Family will honor Whidbey by arriving and camping at the Fairgrounds in Langley. All are welcome to join them for spontaneous teachings by elders, craft classes, and forming ongoing relationships with the canoe family. Mike Evans, the father of the canoe, is Snohomish, and many other Tribes are represented. We plan to provide as many meals as we can and offer donations of food and local produce during their stay.

July 20, afternoon: Formal landing with protocols at Seawall Park in Langley.

July 21, Community Dinner Potluck. All are welcome. Last year more than 100 people attended!

Please [contact us by email](#) if you would like to volunteer or be a helper in any way. Stay tuned for more information as plans are firmed.

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 [here](#).

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Social Environmental Justice

This is Women's History Month & Here are Three, UU, History Making Women: Trudy Sundberg, Denise Marion and Katie Thomas Carol, Esq.



Mark Your Calendars!

Friday March 22, 7:30PM WICA*- Part II of the 2024 Trudy Sundberg Lecture Series features Dr. Lyla June Johnston is an Indigenous musician, scholar, and community organizer. Her research focuses on how pre-colonial Indigenous Nations gardened large regions of Turtle Island(North Americas) to produce abundant food systems for humans and non-humans. Indigenous Nations were active agents within the ecosystem and sculptured entire bioregions into edible landscapes. For details, please click [here](#). Trudy Sundberg was a wonder and a UU too. You can read about her [here](#) and the history of this lecture series [here](#). These events are free and very popular, you are encouraged to arrive early. *Whidbey Center for the Arts.

Saturday March 24 @ 2:00PM - BAHA'I PERSPECTIVES ON FOOD & NUTRITION- Tom Nowak shares the Baha'i writings and relevant positions taken by

of the Greening Congregations Collaborative of Whidbey Island and Citizens' Climate Lobby. Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr., Room HH-137

Saturday March 30 @ 1PM Climate Change Salon- UUCWI member Denise Marion is hosting this reoccurring event in the Oak Harbor Public Library meeting room. North Whidbey residents and others will gather to exchange ideas and support efforts to reduce the rate of climate chaos and its harmful effects. The program will focus on how to talk about it and introduce participants to two organizations active on Whidbey: the Whidbey Climate Action and Citizen's Climate Lobby. Questions? Contact Denise dpmorder@gmail.com 501-655-3130

April 4th at 5:00 p.m. -"Keep Calling And Writing: How the Climate Justice Movement Affects Federal Legislation." UU Katie Thomas Carol, Esq. Drawing from almost a decade of experience on Capitol Hill working on energy and environmental policy and legislation, will speak about the power UUs have to help drive the progressive agenda. Katie is director of Energy and Environment Programs for the Congressional Progressive Caucus Center, a nonprofit that identifies and develops solutions to build a more just, equitable, and resilient nation. Register [here](#) for this important event. This is part of UUSJ's Earth Month.

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

*submitted with hope and gratitude 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:

- Send submissions to enews@uucwi.org.
- 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:

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 UUCWI Staff at enews@uucwi.org.

Thank you!



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