



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

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This Sunday's Service

March 17, 2024 10am

**Growing Essential Relationships
Rev. Kate Lore**

**With Gary Hattal,
Worship Leader
and Eileen Soskin & Ken Merrell
with support from
Janet Garrow, Patricia Pocock,
Clara Beier and Jane Spaulding
Special Music**

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

Supporting UUCWI deepens our sense of belonging, strengthens our bonds with one another, and empowers us to create change in the world. Be inspired and uplifted by the boundless potential of our shared community.

Service Link

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



Next Sunday's Service

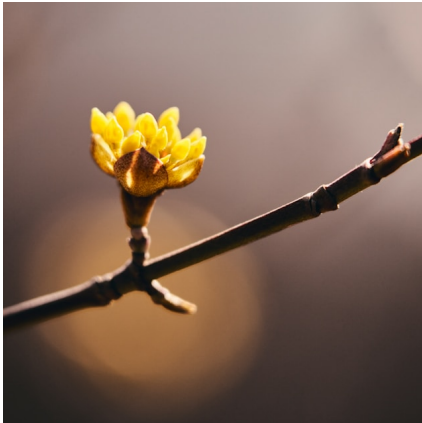
March 24, 2024 10am

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

With Toyan Copeland,
Worship Leader
and Eileen Soskin,
Special Music

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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.



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 15

Saturday, March 16

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

Sunday, March 17

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

After Service 3rd Sunday Lunch (China City)

Monday, March 18

Tuesday, March 19

9:30 - 11:30am [Membership Committee](#)

1 - 3pm Board of Trustees (Cascade Room)

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

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

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

6:30 - 8pm Native Connections Book Discussion ([Register](#))

Thursday, March 21

1 -2pm Auction Item: Humor Workshop

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Announcements and News

The Future of UUCWI

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 prepare to launch the 2024 - 2025 Pledge Campaign!

Sunday, March 17 Growing Essential Relationships with Rev. Kate Lore

Saturday, March 23 The Future of UUCWI

9:00 am - 2:00 pm at UUCWI

An important in person workshop/conversation at this time of change.

April 2 - 13 Cottage Gatherings

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 means to you. A list of dates, times and places for Cottage Gatherings will be available very soon, as well as instructions for signing up to attend.

Watch for more information at Sunday services, in enews and eblasts. Or ask Clara Beier, Jane Spalding, or Frances Wood, UUCWI 2024 Pledge Campaign Committee. Thank you!



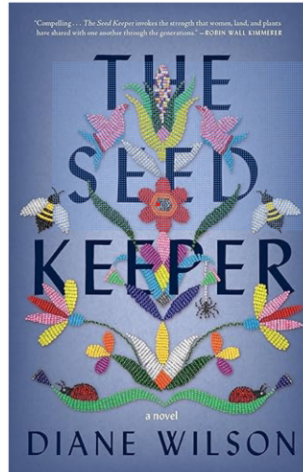
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Pastoral Care & Connections at UUCWI

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



Native Authors Book Discussion Group

Wed, March 20, 6:30 pm

[Zoom Link](#)

[Registration Link](#)

Our first Native authors book discussion is **this Wednesday**. We will be discussing *The Seed Keeper* by Diane Wilson. This Zoom discussion is open to everyone.

Please register [here](#) to receive a copy of the discussion questions.

3rd Sunday Lunch Bunch

**After Sunday Services
at China City in Freeland
11:30 - 12:30**

This Coming Sunday!

Join us at 11:30 at China City Freeland
We order family style and easily share the cost
and the various tastes. Yum!
Alcohol is paid for separately.
Look for the clipboard at the Welcome Table
in the foyer to sign up.



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 <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 	Janet Garrow
Community Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Initiatives • Social Justice 	Rommel Nunn

Native Connections Initiative

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER** [CLICK HERE:](#)

We send monthly newsletters, with a lot more information than we can put in the E-news, directly to your email address if you are on our [email list](#).

NEXT NCI MEETING: WEDNESDAY, April 10 at 6:30 pm

Meetings will continue to be on Zoom, to accommodate Indigenous people who do not currently live on Whidbey. [Join our email list](#) to receive up-to-date information about the meeting.

MARCH 20, 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 first of these monthly book discussions will be on:

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

Diane Wilson's debut novel *The Seed Keeper* (2021) interweaves the stories of modern Dakhóta women and their ancestors in Minnesota. The narrative centers on the life and memories of Rosalie Iron Wing, a Dakhóta woman who comes of age divorced from her culture after being fostered out to non-native families following the death of her father. The story beautifully describes the intricate processes through which Dakhóta women for generations kept their corn seeds, even during the most difficult of times. Wilson's eloquent and moving writing shares her Dakhóta culture with her reader with grace, reverence, and honesty. I encourage any lover of growing things, anyone who appreciates indigenous narratives and histories, and/or any fan of historical fiction, particularly those set in the American Midwest, to spend time with Wilson's *The Seed Keeper*.

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

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



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 & Herein Are Three UU History Making Women...



**Keep Calling And Writing:
How the Climate Justice Movement
Affects Federal Legislation**

A conversation with former Bernie Sanders
staffer, Katie Thomas Carol, Esq.

Thursday, April 4
8:00 pm ET • 7:00 pm CT • 6:00 pm MT • 5:00 pm PT
RSVP: bit.ly/KeepCallingAndWriting



Drawing from almost a decade of experience on Capitol Hill working on energy and environmental policy and legislation, Katie will speak in her personal capacity about the power UUs have to help drive the progressive agenda.

Katie Thomas Carol, Esq.,
Director of Energy and Environment Programs,
Congressional Progressive Caucus Center

Mark Your Calendars!

March 24 @ 2:00PM - BAHAI PERSPECTIVES ON FOOD & NUTRITION- Tom Nowak shares the Baha'i writings and relevant positions taken by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine on the subject of food and nutrition. Tom has been a Baha'i for over 40 years. He is a retired scientist and current member of the Greening Congregations Collaborative of Whidbey Island and Citizens' Climate Lobby. Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr., Room HH-137

March 15 & 22- The 2024 Trudy Sundberg Lecture Series features two Native American speakers. Friday, 3/15 at 4PM at the Coupeville Library and Saturday, 3/22 at 7:30PM at Whidbey Center for the Arts. For details, please click [here](#). This series was established in 2013 in collaboration with Sno-Isle in honor of a great community asset. Trudy Sundberg was a wonder and a UU too. You can read about her [here](#) and the history of this lecture series [here](#). Note seating will be limited so you are encouraged to get there early.

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.

"There's nothing wrong with someone who's suffering from climate anxiety. t's not them that needs fixing." - Reverend Reality

*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:

- 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

unless UUCWI is a sponsor of, or a congregation 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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